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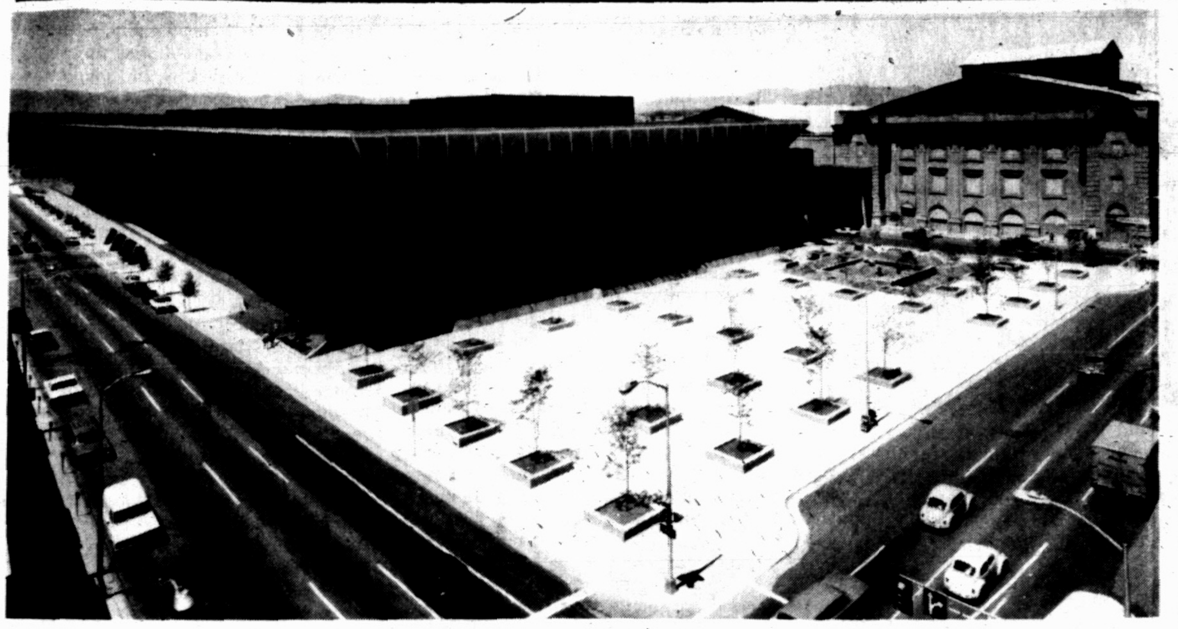

THE DENVER CONVENTION CENTER will be the cite for the 125th anniversary session of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-4. Convention sessions will be in the Exhibition Hall. Woman's Missionary Union Convention will be in two adjacent buildings—the Arena Sunday afternoon and the Theater Monday. Pastor's Conference sessions will be in the Arena Sunday night and Monday.—BP PHOTO

125th Anniversary Celebration

Denver SBC Agenda Set

DENVER (BP) — When the Southern Baptist Convention convenes here June 1-4, more than 12,000 Baptists are expected to celebrate the convention's 125th anniversary and conduct the business of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Major business items on the agenda include election of a new convention president, consideration of a record $29.1 million operating budget, possible adoption of recommendations concerning the SBC's national program of student work, consideration of a recommendation which would sever ties between the SBC and two hospitals, and recommended approval of convention themes, objectives, and emphases for the period, 1973-79.

If editorials and letters to the editor in Baptist state papers throughout the nation are any indication, however, some of the hottest issues which might come up at the convention are not on the official agenda.

Editorials in nearly a half - dozen Baptist state papers before the convention have predicted the possibility of some messengers to the convention seeking to reprimand the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville for inviting controversial speakers to a seminar on morality in Atlanta recently; or to chide the SBC Sunday School Board for publishing an article in its Broadman Bible Commentary by a British scholar, or for issuing sex education materials for church studies for teenagers.

The convention will begin on Monday evening, June 1, at Denver's Convention Center with W. A. Criswell's presidential message, and with a multi-media presentation, "Milepost 125," celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the convention in Augusta, Ga., May 8-12, 1845.

Major business recommendations from the denominational's Executive Committee will come up on Tuesday morning, June 2.

The Executive Committee will recommend a procedure for severing ties with two Baptist hospitals, one each in New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla., operated by the Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., an agency of the SBC. Major reason cited for severing ties with the hospitals was a financial matter, freeing the hospitals from seeking convention approval for every expansion program. The hospitals would continue under local boards as Baptist - oriented Christian institutions.

The Executive Committee, after a two - year study by a special committee, will also recommend that the national program of Baptist student work remain the responsibility of the SBC Sunday School Board, but with structure and relationship changes including a new division, commission on campus ministries, or other entity with unique relationship to coordinate the national student work program.

A record 1971 operating budget of $29.1 million will also be recommended. It would be an increase of almost $2 million or 7.3 per cent over the 1970 budget. Biggest portion of the

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Hospital Drive Passes Half Way

The current campaign to raise $2,000,000 for the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Development Program has passed the halfway mark, it has been announced by R. Baxter Wilson, Jackson, chairman of the Development Council.

Mr. Wilson, in releasing the figure of $1,070,633, made the announcement following a meeting of campaign personnel on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Wilson said that "if we can maintain this picture in subsequent meetings we will certainly reach our goal by July 1."

Reports were given at the meeting by divisions.

Dr. Tom Blake, representing the professionals, reported $282,325, or 71 percent of their goal.

Henry Holman, for the pattern gifts, reported $624,935, or 62 percent of goal.

Kenneth Whatley, chairman of the hospital employees division, previously had reported $100,178 for 100 percent of the goal.

Minor Summers, reporting for the advance gifts, listed $20,825, while chairman Frank Smith reported $17,320 for the special gifts division.

The $2,000,000 current campaign will complete the financing for the new $25,000,000 600-bed hospital which will be erected diagonally across State Street from the present facility.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 1971 and completion is projected for 1973.

Foreign Board Adds Six, Sells Hospital

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RICHMOND (BP) — Three couples were appointed to overseas careers in the Middle East, South America and Africa by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

The board also approved recommendations to divest itself of two institutions, a hospital in Kontagora, Nigeria, and a girls' school in Rome.

In making the six appointments, the board assigned Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Mullican of Fort Worth, to Gaza. Mullican, a medical technologist, will work in the Gaza Baptist Hospital, which serves a largely Muslim population. Mrs. Mullican, the former Lenore Lindsey, grew up in Israel, where her parents have been missionaries for 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs Paul E. Roaten of Oxford, Miss., will go to Uruguay for evangelism and church development, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen N. Stickney of Sylvester, Ga., were assigned to work among students in Nairobi, Kenya.

Before moving overseas the new appointees and their children will go through 12 weeks of intensive training at the board's orientation center near Pine Mountain, Ga.

Their appointments bring the total Southern Baptist foreign missionary force to 2,478 in 71 countries.

The Kontagora Baptist Hospital will be sold to the government of North-Western State, in which it is located. Because the board has been unable recently to staff the hospital with missionary medical personnel, the government has moved to purchase the facilities and furnish a staff to continue medical services.

Expressing regret for the loss of "this strategic institution," H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa for the board, said that Southern Baptists could have continued to operate the hospital if there had been "adequate medical personnel."

Meanwhile, definite progress is being made toward the "Nigerianization" of Baptist medical work, Goerner told the board. Two Nigerian doctors are on the staff of the Baptist hospitals in Shaki and Eku, and two others are in surgical residency at the hospital in Ogbomosho.

Also, four Nigerian medical students are interning at Ogbomosho, he reported. The internship program is expected to produce excellent Nigerian doctors within the next few years

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Denver SBC to Show Three Multi-Media Features

DENVER (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here June 1-4, will feature one drama and three multi-media presentations as major program attractions during its 125th anniversary sessions.

In addition, for the first time this year, the convention will project the image of platform speakers onto a screen so that those who are seated near the rear of the 560-foot Denver Convention Center can see the speaker's face.

The opening Monday night session, June 1, will feature a multi-media presentation using motion pictures and eight slide projectors to depict the convention's 125-year history in sound and lights onto a huge 30 x 60 foot screen and three walls of the Convention Center.

Entitled, "Milepost 125," the film and slide presentation will be a major portion of the convention's annuiversary celebration.

The presentation has been produced by a 125th anniversary celebration committee and coordinated by Mrs. Marie Mathis of Waco, Tex., president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union. Producer and director for the film and slide presentation is Ted Perry, professor in the radio and television department at the University ofTexas, Austin.

On Tuesday evening, a dramatic presentation on "So Much More — The Denomination Serving the Churches" will be presented. Following several testimonies, and music by Mrs. Beverly Terrell of Dallas, a major address will be given by Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., and presi- [illegible] tion of Texas.

The Tuesday evening program is being coordinated by a committee headed by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, and directed by Cecil McGee, church drama consultant in the board's church recreation department.

A world missions emphasis multi-media presentation on Wednesday evening, June 3, will spotlight the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards, both organized in 1845, on their 125th anniversaries.

Sponsored by both mission boards, the SBC Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission are also cooperating in the Wednesday evening missions emphasis.

In addition to the multi-media presentation, the Wednesday evening program will also feature music by the Denver Symphony Orchestra, and the Centurymen, a choral group of Southern Baptist ministers of music organized by the SBC Radio - Television Commission and major addresses by Home Mission Board Executive Secretary Arthur Rutledge and Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen.

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Five Hundred Are Expected To Attend From Mississippi

Five hundred or more Mississippi Baptists are expected to attend the 112th session of the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Denver, Colo., June 1-4.

An estimated 12,000 Southern Baptists, from every state in the Union as well as several foreign countries, are expected to be present for the sessions, to be held in Denver's Currigan Hall.

The time schedule for this year's convention is a departure from that of the past several years.

The convention this year will begin Monday evening instead of the customary Tuesday evening and will adjourn Thursday at 12:45 p. m. instead of the usual Friday adjournment time.

Mississippi members of committees that will report to the convention are:

Board, Rev. Clifton Perkins, Greenwood, and Claude Townsend, Florence laymen; State Baptist Papers, Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson; North American Baptist Fellowship, Dr. Edwina Robinson, Jackson.

The convention's Executive Committee will meet just prior to the convention. Mississippi members are Owen Cooper, Yazoo City layman; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg and T. Cooper Walton, Jackson layman.

Mr. Walton is also vice-chairman of the committee.

Several related meetings are also scheduled for Sunday and Monday prior to the convention and others are to be held after the convention adjourns.

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held in the Denver Convention Center Arena beginning Sunday evening, May 31 at 7:00 o'clock, with adjournment set for Monday afternoon.

Rev. Larry Rohrman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, will address the conference Monday morning on the subject of "Our Fellow-

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CRISWELL URGES BAPTIST PRAYER FOR CRISIS IN THE NATION

DALLAS (BP)—Upon the request of the White House, a call for special prayer in behalf of America and its leaders was issued here by the President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas and president of the 11.3 million-member SBC, appealed to Baptist pastors to lead their congregations in praying that "God will give the President wisdom and blessing in this time of deep domestic and international crisis."

Criswell said he was among other national religious leaders who received calls from the White House asking for special prayers and that he also supports the President in his attempt to solve national problems.

Conflicting Views On Problems Of Smut Are Heard By Panel

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Commission on Obscenity and Pornography concluded its public hearings here with a mixture of conflicting testimonies on hat should be done about the problems of pornography.

One testimony asked for removal of the pornographic burden from the postman's back. Others said they did not know the answer but that something must be done. Some said leave it to the local communities. A representative for publishers decried any hint of censorship.

A Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission staff member, in testimony before the commission, called for a positive approach to pornography, urging a concerted effort in communicating the values of a healthy, common - sense view of sexuality as one of the best ways to combat the perverted view of sex communicated through pornography.

The president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, James H. Rademacher, said his men wanted some kind of legal relief from the burden of delivering unsolicited, obscene mail. Describing the letter carriers as church - going, family men with children of their own, Rademacher said postmen "feel personally contaminated" when they must deliver smut mail to households, especially to youth.

Citing references in the Gospel of Luke regarding offending children, the spokesman for the letter carriers said postmen often have the bitter feeling that they have become the instruments through whom such eyil is accomplished.

Another strong plea for legislation to restrict traffic in smut came from the president of the United States Conference of Mayors. Jack D. Maltester, mayor of San Leandro, Calif., told the commission of a strongly-worded resolution adopted last year by the mayors in their annual meeting.

The resolution urged the Congress

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New U. S. High Court Justice Is Methodist

WASHINGTON (BP) — The new U. S. Supreme Court Justice, Judge Harry A. Blackmun, is an active member of the United Methodist Church, according to pastor Winfield Haycock of Christ Church in Rochester, Minn.

The pastor said Blackmun "is really a superb Christian layman in terms of thoughtfulness and in terms of his desire to be an ethical person in all his relationships, community, family, church and country."

The religious affiliation of the other members of the Supreme Court are: Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Presbyterian; Hugo L. Black, Baptist; William O. Douglas, Presbyterian; John M. Harlan, Presbyterian; William J. Brennan, Jr., Catholic; Potter Stewart, Episcopalian; Byron R. White, Episcopalian; and Thurgood Marshall, Episcopalian.

Baptist Book Store Manager Retires After 34 Years

Mrs. O. M. Jones, who will retire June 1 as manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jackson was honored by the store staff at a banquet held at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, Friday night, May 15. Those seated at head table, are, from left: Mrs. Jay Turner, Nashville; Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of Sunday School Board, Nashville; Mrs. Jones; Jay Turner, central stores department manager, Sunday School Board, who presided; Mrs. Sullivan; Mrs. Joe Tuten, Jackson, and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, state Baptist executive secretary. (Not show is Dr. Joe Tuten, host pastor, who arrived too late for picture from an out-of-town engagement.)

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

At Calvary Church, Jackson, on Friday night, May 15, a special dinner was held in honor of Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of the Baptist Book Store in the capital city for the past 34 years. Mrs. Jones is retiring on May 31. With the exception of one other person, she has served the same store longer than any other manager in the history of Baptist Book Stores, and the Jackson store ranks fourth in total sales volume of all 51 of the Baptist Book Stores of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The book store employees sponsored the dinner at Calvary. Guests on program included Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board; Jay O. Turner, area manager, Central Stores, (who brought greetings also from Keith Von Hagen, head of the Book Store Division, BSSB); Dennis P. Bucher, minister of music at Calvary, who provided special music; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, who led the invocation; and Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor at Calvary, and also Mrs. Jones' pastor, who led the benediction.

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FMB Adds Missionaries

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to carry much of the load at the Baptist hospitals, Goerner said.

The organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Italy has decided to close the Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome at the end of the current school year, according to John D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

The missionaries are "grateful for what has been accomplished during the past 20 years," Hughey said, "but they believe that the school has served its day." He added that coeducation is now common in Italy, and attendance at the Baptist Girls' School has been poor in recent years.

The board also approved the decision of the missionaries to end legal, financial and administrative responsibility for the Baptist Theological Seminary at Rivoli at the close of the 1970-71 session. The decision whether or not to continue operating the seminary, which has a very small enrollment, rests with Italian Baptists, Hughey said.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Patterson, missionaries assigned to the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., were given a special assignment by the board, effective Sept. 21, to promote Baptist literature in Spanish - speaking America. They are being asked to serve in this capacity for a period of at least 21 months.

To carry out their assignment the Pattersons will survey current usage of Baptist literature, inform the constituency of what is available, and train church and institutional workers in the effective use of the literature, according to Charles W. Bryan, the board's secretary for Middle East and the Caribbean.

History of Board Completed

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the board, told the members that Broadman Press has just completed publication of a 329 - page book detailing the 125-year history of the Foreign Mission Board. The book is titled, Advance: A History of Southern Baptist Foreign Missions. First copies for sale will be available at the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver, June 1-4, Cauthen said.

A supplementary volume listing all the missionaries of the board from its founding in 1845 to the end of 1969 is published, Cauthen said.

Winston Crawley, director of the board's Overseas Division, presented a paper on "Strategy for the Seventies," in which he noted that the number of missionaries and countries have approximately quadrupled in the past 22 years.

A staff of 3,500-4,000 by the end of the decade is a "realistic projection", under a long-range goal of 5,000, Crawley pointed out. The entering of new countries, especially in Africa and the Middle East, will continue but at a decreased rate, he predicted.

Crawley's paper lists "indigenous church strength as the central objective" of the board's philosophy of missions. This calls for increased local or indigenous, development of autonomous congregations and national Baptist bodies.

"The greatest ultimate effect is achieved as the missionaries work indirectly through the generating of local Christian forces and resources," Crawley explained. "Therefore the mission has primarily a generative and enabling role."

The board's strategy for the '70s will confront the realities of such world problems as economic disparity, population explosion, nutrition and health, science and technology, conservation of the natural environment, land distribution and urbanization, he noted.

Mullins Fellowship Plans No Meeting At Denver SBC

RICHMOND (BP) — The E. Y. Mullis Fellowship, organized last year during a controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention concerning literal interpretation of the Bible, and freedom and openness in the denomination, will not hold a meeting at Denver during the SBC, the organization's president has announced.

Thomas D. Austin, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church in Richmond, distributed a letter to members of the organization stating that results of a membership poll showed that too few members would be present at the Denver convention to justify meeting.

Last year, E. Y. Mullins Fellowship met jointly with Baptist Student Concerns, an organization of Baptist students, at a New Orleans church. The secretary of the E. Y. Mullins Fellowship, Bill Smith, was later nominated for convention president as a protest candidate against W. A. Criswell of Dallas.

Mrs. O. M. Jones, who will retire June 1 as manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jackson, was honored recently during the annual meeting of Book Store managers at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. Handing Mrs. Jones a gift is Charles W. Clark, manager of the store in Jacksonville, Fla., who will succeed Mrs. Jones as manager. He formerly served under Mrs. Jones at the Jackson store as well as Robert Baker, manager of the Carbondale, Ill., store (left, standing) and J. D. Dawson, manager of the Lubbock, Texas, store, (standing, right). Seated at right is Dr. James. L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board. —(BSSB photo)

Baptist Book Store Manager Retires

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Baptist Book Store employees who made presentations of gifts to Mrs. Jones during the dinner were: Miss Kathleen Wright, who presented a gift of silver, from friends; Miss Ann Burnside, who presented a gift from the office secretaries at the book store; and Mrs. Nell Lee, who presented the guest register of those present at the dinner.

A few weeks ago, during the Baptist Book Store Managers' Conference in Nashville, Mrs. Jones was guest of honor at a lovely banquet. Other guests paid tribute to her for her years of dedicated service and presented to her a gift of five sterling salad forks.

Three of the four young men whom Mrs. Jones calls "her boys" were present for the Nashville banquet and also for the dinner in Jackson. Although she has no children of her own, Mrs. Jones has dedicated much of her life to developing the good [illegible] sters. She says, "One great joy I have experienced has been in seeing four young men from our store become managers of other stores: Paul Hardin, who formerly served at Roanoke, Virginia; J. D. Dawson, Lubbock, Texas; Charles W. Clark, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Robert E. Baker, Carbondale, Ill. (The latter three were those present at the banquet and dinner.)

"Today there are four missionaries on foreign fields who worked in our store and many serving as pastors," she continues.

She plans to continue living at 509 Park Lane in Jackson. This summer she will work in July and August at Ridgecrest Assembly, doing promotion work for the Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board. Following the SBC in Denver, she and Virginia Martin, manager of the book store in Memphis, will go on to Los Angeles and Hawaii to visit Irma Gallagher, former manager of the Ridgecrest Book Store.

In her church (Calvary, Jackson), she certainly will continue to be active, as she has been active there during her 34 years in Mississippi. She teaches in an older adult department, and serves on the library committee. In other years she has taught younger adults, married young people, and Intermediates.

In addition to reading, she enjoys sewing, trying new recipes, and traveling.

Maribelle Cummings Jones is one of two daughters of Thomas A. and Cora Harris Cummings. Her father was in the grocery business at Rives in northwest Tennessee, where she was born. Her sister, Eulina, Mrs. T. C. Stockton, was for twenty years editor of the Cumberland Presbyterian foreign missions magazine, "The Messenger," but is now retired and is a substitute teacher in Memphis.

During high school days at Rives, Maribelle Jones was on the debating team. When it was time to choose a college, she picked Bethel, at McKenzie, Tenn. Always she loved books, and in college was a member of the literary society. Biography particularly appeals to her; two of her favorites are DR. IDA by Dorothy Clarke Wilson and BILL WALLACE OF CHINA by Jesse Fletcher. Currently she is reading TO LAY A HEARTH by Myra Scovel.

She was devoted to her husband, who passed away July 3, 1967. After her wedding to Otis M. Jones, another Tennessee native, the couple moved to Dallas, where he was employed in the wholesale furniture business. Later, they changed their residence to Nashville, where he was manager and she assistant manager of the Crazy Water Crystals store. When Crazy Water Crystals began to be sold through drug stores, the Jones store went out of business.

Through the influence and encouragement of George W. Card, manager of the sales and advertising department, Sunday School Board, Mrs. Jones became manager of the Baptist Book Store, Nashville, in 1934.

On Valentine's Day, 1936, J. O. Williams, business manager of the Sunday School Board at that time, sent word to Mrs. Jones that he wanted to see her in his office.

"Have you received a Valentine today?" Dr. Williams teased.

"Yes!" she laughed, her warm brown eyes twinkling:

"I want to give you another" he said. "The Jackson, Mississippi, store-"

When she began work in the Mississippi store March 1, 1936, there were two employees. Now there are 24, plus the manager.

The 2-story modern building the store now occupies at 125 President St. has a foundation stable enough for the addition of eight stories. The first store, at President and Capitol, was little more than a shelf - lined hole in the wall.

Mrs. Jones recalls, "We played a game of checkers here for a while. Three moves did not actually put us into the kingdom, but we felt like crowned kings when we finally landed in our own building erected by the Sunday School Board."

She laughs, "Baptists put us out of the little 16-foot-wide building the store had occupied for 30 years. Some Presbyterians patched up a dilapidated roof (so we would not get sprinkled upon) and took us in for a year until some Jews could build us a building next door to the Catholic Hospital. Ten years later the Catholics moved out and sold their lot to the Sunday School Board who built our present building. So we covered some territory, but it's good to be back on Baptist ground."

Of Mrs. O. M. Jones, her pastor says, "She is a Christian lady of grace and dignity. As a charming and dedicated person, she has had significant influence in her own church as a worker with young adults. Only eternity will reveal the full measure of her service through the Baptist Book Store as she counseled pastors in establishing and enlarging their libraries."

To her Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins pays this tribute: "Mrs. Jones has been the essence of gracious Southern culture and helpfulness to all who have known her. Her business sagacity and administrative direction are reflected in the scope of the Book Store's current operation. Her genuine Christian character, her ability to meet unanticipated crises, her genuine courtesy and helpfulness, and her spirit of infinite gentleness and patience are all reflected in the atmosphere of the business which has been for many years the object of her dedicated life. As representative of thousands of customers throughout the years, I thank her for her significant service and wish for her every enjoyment and blessing in the years to come."

Mrs. Jones insists, "For anything I have been able to do through this store, God deserves all the credit."

Her principles and her life have given true expression to the Baptist Book Store's slogan, "Service with a Christian Distinction."

MC Graduation Exercises May 31

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Douglas

A Florida retirement home executive and a Georgia pastor have been named as the speakers for the annual commencement program at Mississippi College Sunday, May 31.

Rev. Mack R. Douglas, executive director of the Baptist Village Incorporated in Pompano Beach, Fla., will deliver the commencement address scheduled for 3 p. m. in the City Auditorium in Jackson. He will also be awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Delivering the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a. m. in Nelson Auditorium on campus will be Dr. G. Othell Hand, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga.

Both speakers are graduates of Mississippi College. Mr. Douglas is son of Mrs. E. L. Douglas of Clinton and the late Rev. E. L. Douglas, longtime professor of Bible at the college.

There are 416 members of this year's Mississippi College graduating class, with 367 receiving the bachelor degree and 49 the master degree.

Conflicting Views --

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"to adopt strong, effective laws designed to suppress the traffic in obscene materials." It further asked that the President be asked "to use the full power and strength of the federal government in an all out effort to stop publication and distribution" of such materials.

Maltester's statement echoed a suggestion made earlier in the week by Harry N. Hollis, a staff member of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Hollis asked that government funds be used to train school teachers to teach sex education "in a positive, healthy and effective manner" to help offset the influence of pornography, and called for a strong effort on the part of the home, church and school to combat obscenity with education on sexuality.

The President of the General Federation of Women's Club, Mrs. Walter Varney Magee, testified that the 15,000 clubs in that organization did not know how to most effectively deal with "this moral menace," but that they had concluded "the best way. . . is through action in the community and state rather than on a national level.

A different kind of argument came from the editor-in-chief and vice president of Doubleday Publishing Co., Ken McCormick, who staunchly opposed censorship on the grounds it would increase curiosity.

McCormick, speaking on behalf of the American Book Publishers Council, defended a publisher's right to make all kinds of books available for people to buy if they want them. In areas where books, magazines and movies general labeled obscene are prevalent, they have not been enormous commercial successes, he added.

The report of the commission, which was established in 1967, is due in September of this year. Congress has asked the group of 18 to analyze existing laws, determine distribution methods, study the effects of pornography and obscenity on the public, and particularly minors, and make legislative or administrative proposals for controlling smut "without in any way interferring with constitutional rights."

Denver Convention Agenda Is Set

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increase would go to six SBC-owned seminaries.

The Executive Committee will also recommend themes, objectives and emphases for the convention during the years 1973 - 79, and that the convention change its procedure in future years to begin the annual convention on Tuesday morning rather than Tuesday evening.

The convention will elect a new president to succeed Criswell, pastor of the 15,000 member First Baptist Church of Dallas, who has served two one - year terms fulfilling constitutional limitations.

Several Baptist state papers have speculated on possible nominees for the convention presidency. Papers in North Carolina and Ohio have mentioned by name three possible nominees: Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; Owen Cooper, Baptist layman and industrialist from Yazoo City, Miss.; and Gerald Martin, pastor of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis. The papers pointed out others may be nominated, and that there is no way to know for certain who will be nominated until the election is actually held.

Several Baptist state papers have carried an article written by John H. Parrott, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roswell, N. M., urging the convention to consider election of a president from "west of Texas."

Presidential Possibilities Given

Parrott suggested five men as possibilities, naming W. D. Wyat, pastor of First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M.; C. Vaughn Rock, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix; Harold Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Paul Brooks Leath, pastor of Truett Memorial Baptist Church, Long Beach, Calif.; and Robert Hughes, executive secretary, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, in Fresno, Calif.

In a departure from its regular format, the convention this year will feature only four major speeches, and an increased amount of time for miscellaneous business.

Major speakers include Evangelist Billy Graham, who brings the closing session address at noon, Thursday, June 4; Sir Cyril Black of London, a member of the British Parliament and president of the British Baptist Union; the annual convention sermon by Grady C. Cothen, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; and Criswell's presidential address.

Although these items are on the agenda for the convention, a half-dozen Baptist state papers have speculated that several other issues may come from the floor during miscellaneous business periods.

Letters to the editor in at least four Baptist state papers have urged the convention in Denver to "abolish," "disband," "dismiss" or cut budget support of the Christian Life Commission because it invited three controversial speakers to its seminar in Atlanta, March 16-18.

The speakers were Anson Mount, public affairs director of Playboy magazine who was debated by Bill Pinson, Baptist seminary professor from Fort Worth; Joseph Fletcher, sometimes called the "father of situation ethics," who was debated by Henlee Barnette, Baptist seminary professor from Louisville; and Negro legislator Julian Bond from Atlanta.

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Criswell of Dallas, said in an interview published by the Baptist Standard of Texas, that he did not believe the convention would consider dissolving the commission. "I think that is something the denomination would not even think about," Criswell said.

Criswell added he would not hesitate to appeal for unity within the denomination if it is necessary, but observed that he felt the business sessions would have a "decided emphasis on the conservative doctrines of the faith."

Commentary Opposition Predicted

At least four Baptist state papers have predicted opposition at the Denver convention to the Broadman Bible Commentary, published by the SBC Sunday School Board, because of an article in the commentary written by on the book of Genesis. Davies was British Baptist G. Henton Davies on the book of Genesis. Davies was criticized for implying that God did not really ask Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice, but that this was a psychological reaction on the part of Abraham.

In three different issues of the Baptist New Mexican, Editor C. Eugene Whitlow urged the Sunday School Board to recall the commentary because, he argued, Davies' article was contrary to the convention's statement of faith. In reply to a letter-to-the-editor, Whitlow predicted the matter "will become a major matter for our convention to deal with in Denver in June."

Several editors have issued pleas for unity at the convention, and former Convention President Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, in a widely-published article, wrote that "no greater tragedy could befall us (the convention) than to spend our time and spiritual energy chewing on each other" at the convention. He urged instead emphasis on celebrating "125 years as a people of God."

Each of the 21 agencies of the convention will present written reports to the convention, which will be received all at one time within a ten-minute segment. In the past, each agency has had separate reports.

Before the convention actually starts, at least four Baptist meetings will be held in Denver in connection with the convention.

The meetings include the SBC Pastors' Conference, Sunday evening through Monday afternoon, May 31-June 1, at the Convention Center Arena; the SBC Woman's Missionary Union Convention, Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon, at the Convention Center Theater; and the SBC Religious Education Association, Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon, at the Brown Palace Hotel.

A special "Affirming the Bible Conference," called by the editor of the Missouri Baptist state paper, has been scheduled Saturday afternoon and evening, May 30, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Denver.

The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will meet after the convention, Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, at the First American Baptist Church of Denver.

Carey Announces Speakers For Commencement

William Carey College has announced that Dr. Charles Moorman and Dr. Brooks Wester have been invited to be the speakers for the 1970 commencement ceremonies on May 23.

Wester

According to President J. Ralph Noonkester, the two Hattiesburg leaders will address the 200 graduating seniors at 11 a.m. and at 5:30 p.m.

Baccalaureate services will be held in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium at 11 a. m. with Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of Hattiesburg's First Church, speaking. Commencement ceremonies will occur at 5:30 p. m. in the same location with Dr. Charles Moorman, Dean of the University of Southern Mississippi, bringing the main address.

Moorman

Earlier in the day the William Carey College Alumni Association will entertain the seniors at the annual Senior Breakfast in Wilkes Dining Hall at 8:30 a. m.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Noonkester will entertain the seniors at an informal party on the lawn of the president's home on Friday afternoon prior to commencement on Saturday.

Five Hundred Are --

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ship With Christ."

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Convention, will meet in the Denver Convention Center Theatre beginning Sunday afternoon, May 31 at 2:30 o'clock with adjournment set for Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president of the state Baptist W.M.U., is by virtue of her office a vice-president of Southern Baptist W. M. U.

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will be held in the Brown Palace Hotel beginning at 2:00 p. m. Sunday, May 31, with adjournment scheduled for Sunday evening.

The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will be conducted in the First American Baptist Church beginning Friday morning, June 5 with adjournment set for Saturday morning.

Dennis Bucher, minister of music of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, will render a vocal solo to conclude the program.

Denver SBC To Show -

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On Wednesday morning, the six Southern Baptist seminaries will jointly present a multi - media film and slide show entitled, "The Seminaries Serving the Churches."

The seminaries' presentation is being coordinated by John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; and produced by Billy Keith, director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

Messengers To Convention Can Discover Springtime In Rockies

By George Gaskins
General Chairman
SBC Committee on Arrangements

DENVER (BP) — Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention here June 1-4 can discover that "Springtime in the Rockies" is much more than a lilting melody.

It is a season and a reason to close the door on indoor winter routine and step up into that high, wide and wonderful world at the top of the nation.

In early June, what some have called "the snow place of the nation" is magically transformed into a showplace of some of nature's greatest works of art.

As if on signal, the snow dissolves under the warmth of the Colorado sun, and the water rushes down the mountainsides in tumbling, trout-filled brooks. This is the time of year that the mountainsides suddenly burst into a massive floral bouquet.

The campers and vacationers including many who will be attending the Southern Baptist Convention here, will have the opportunity to see some of the magnificent senic beauty in the nation.

More than 1,100 peaks tower about the 10,000 foot altitude in Colorado. In June, many of Colorado's 53 peaks about 14,000 foot altitude are still snowcapped.

There is much to see and do in this 104,000 square-mile, air-conditioned ampitheatre.

Among the many attractions are ghost towns, mining camps, rodeos, stage plays, operas, melodramas, frontier, folk, Indian, music and art festivals.

Within the state, almost every conceivable kind of recreational activity is available. Colorado has two national parks, four major national monuments, eleven national forests, and 18,500 miles of waterways.

Within Denver, sometimes called "Queen City of the West," visitors can see the Elitch Gardens and Lakeside Amusement Parks, and take free tours through the Denver Museum of Natural History, the Denver Botanic Gardens, the Denver Art Museum, the gold-domed Capitol Building, the Governor's Mansion, the State Historical Museum, and the United States Mint.

Immediately to the west of Denver are the spectacular Theatre of the Red Rocks, Buffalo Bill's Grave, Colorado Railroad Museum, and historical Central City, the old gold mining town.

Nearby, the Pikes Peak area surrounding Colorado Springs is easily accessible via modern Interstate 25. Attractions in the area include the Garden of the Gods, Cave of the Winds, Seven Falls, Royal Gorge with a new aerial tram, Cripple Creek, Florissant Petrified Forest, and the Indian spa of Manitou Springs.

Also on the Colorado Springs area is the United States Air Force Academy with its modern chapel, the Manitou Cliff Dwellings, Will Rogers Shrine, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, North Pole, Ghost Town," and "May Tropical Museum.

About 65 miles northwest of Denver is Rocky Mountain National Park, which encompasses 405 square miles of scenic grandeur along the Continental Divide. The Never Summer Range has more than 100 peaks about 11,000 feet. Trail Ridge Road, the nation's highest continuous highway bridges the vacation villages of Estes Park and Grand Lake.

Mesa Verde National Park, in southwestern Colorado, contains the well-preserved ruins and artifacts of an ancient Indian civilization dating back more than a thousand years. Near Mesa Verde is the Durango-to-Silverton narrow gauge railroad and the Million Dollar Highway which cuts a scenic swath through the San Juan Mountains.

Other popular attractions in Colorado, the "Centennial State," include Colorado National Monument west of Grand Junction, an 18-acre ampitheatre carved in deep-red sandstone. Here visitors will find exquisite statuary of massive ramparts, sheer-walled canyons, and delicately sculptured spires and minarets.

Grotesque Rock Formations

Dinosaur National Monument in northwest Colorado is a land with grotesque rock formations, water-carved canyons, and the world's biggest bone pile of fossilized remains of giant prehistoric creatures.

The Black Canyon of Gunnison National Monument near Montrose, Colo., is a sombre granite gorge which plunges to a depth of 2,800 feet, narrows to 1,300 feet wide at the top, and is only 40 feet wide at the narrowest point of the river bed. Nearby is Blue Mesa Lake, Colorado's newest and largest water recreation area.

Great Sand Dunes National Monument near Alamosa, Colo., is 57 square miles of restless silver sand. Nearby are the legendary Sangre de Christo (blood of Christ) Mountains.

Central Colorado, with Aspen, Glenwood Springs, Eagle and Vail Village, Colo., has been appropriately dubbed "the Crown Jewel of the Rockies." This famed mining region has become an internationally-known cultural center and year-round vacation spot. Here also is the unusual ghost town of Marble, a gleaming "alabaster city" from which came the marble for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C.

Colorado is a do-it yourself vacationland. The visitor may be as active as he likes — fishing, camping, hiking, jeeping, boating or rockbounding —or he can enjoy total relaxation with little more effort than tripping a camera shutter to capture the magnificent scenic beauty. No trip to Colorado is complete without a camera and plenty of color film.

Colorado offers nearly 9,000 miles of unposted trout streams, 2,000 cold-water lakes, and 62 warn-water reservoirs for a variety of angling.

Colorado has been described by some sportsmen as "a hunter's paradise." Nearly 100,000 deer, 15,000 elk, and 600 black bear are hauled home as trophies during the big-game season each year, which generally opens in mid-October.

Complete information for vacationers, including maps and a 52-page color vacation guide, is available from the Colorado Department of Travel and Development, 602 State Capitol Annex, Denver, Colo., 80203.

Trailer, Campground Information About Denver Available

DENVER (BP)—Information for Southern Baptist Convention Messengers who take their trailers or tent campers to the convention here June 1-4 has been made available from the Colorado Visitor's Bureau, according to George Gaskins, general arrangements chairman for the convention.

There are six trailer parking and campground facilities in the Denver area, according to the Visitor's Bureau. Almost all provide electrical hook-up service, running water, toilets, showers, and in some cases, picnic grounds or swimming pools.

The six facilities are listed as: Cheery Creek Reservoir State Recreation Area, 8 miles southeast of Denver on State Highway 82; Chief Hosa Campground and Trailer Park at Golden, Colo., 19 miles west of Denver on Highway 40; East Tincup Village Camper and Trailer Park, 17921 West Colfax Ave., in Golden, Colo., seven miles west of Denver, on Highway 40; Eldorado Springs, Trailer Park, at Eldorado Springs, Colo., 30 miles northwest of Denver via Highways 93 and 398; Elmandale Trailer Park and Campground near Littleton, Colo., in the mountains 30 miles southwest of Denver; and Shady Meadow Mobile Home Park, 2075 Potomac Street in Aurora, Colo., three miles east of Denver off Highway 40.

Detailed information on campsites in Denver and throughout Colorado is available at the Colorado Visitor's Bureau, 225 West Colfax Ave., Denver, Colo., 80202.

Wild West Memorialized In Denver's Civic Center

THE WILD WEST is memorialized in statuary on the mall of Denver's Civic Center. The state capitol building is in the background. The 125th anniversary meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held at the city's new Convention Center June 1-4.—BP PHOTO.

Looking Toward The Convention

By Porter Routh
Executive Secretary,
SBC Executive Committee

"Living the Christ Life" will be the theme dominating the huge backdrop in Currigan Hall as the 125th Anniversary session is called to order by President W. A. Criswell on Monday evening, June 1.

My earnest prayer and hope — and I sincerely believe the earnest prayer and hope of the great majority of Southern Baptists — is that this theme will dominate our conduct in Denver, and dominate our commitment as we leave when Billy Graham brings the Convention to a close on Thursday noon, June 4.

This does not mean that there should not be free and frank discussion on [all questions raised. The Committee] on Order of Business has arranged large blocks of time for messenger participation. This is the year of "Openness and Freedom" in our Convention life.

The thing that I am pleading for — the thing I know multitudes of Southern Baptists are praying for — is that we shall have discussion in the "Spirit of the Christ Life."

We are not enemies. We are brethren. I have an abiding conviction that is as deep as life itself, that we, the messengers from the churches who come to Denver will come because we are concerned about the witness and ministry of the Christian church in todays world. We all, and this includes men and women and young people, pastors and laymen, those employed by agencies of the Convention, believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; we believe in the Word of God as the chart for our lives; we believe in the church — its mission and ministry. We are brethren! We may differ as to methods and procedure, but no one should question motives. No one should engage in unbrotherly name calling and assignment of labels — in any and all directions.

What are the issues?

The big issue for the Convention, in my estimation, is not the debating past mistakes, but is in setting clear objectives for the future. Literally hundreds of pastors and laymen in all of the state conventions have given many hours during the past year to discuss priorities and objectives. The distillation of this statement of purpose and the objectives for 1973-79 will give direction to all Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Recommendations Important

The recommendations on Student Work are also important. Tomorrow's leaders of Southern Baptist churches are now in college. Hundreds of students, faculty members, student workers, pastors and laymen were involved in the study. It will ask the Sunday School Board to continue to s sor the student program, "but with changes in organizational structure and relationships."

The recommendation to start future sessions of the Convention on Tuesday morning and close on Thursday comes with the support of the W. M. U., and also the support of most of the leaders of the Pastors Conference. It will cut costs of the pastors conference and also expenses for messengers attending both convention and pre - convention meetings.

If the Executive Committee in its pre-convention meeting adopts the report of its Hospital Committee, it will recommend action which will free both the hospitals at Jacksonville and New Orleans to make needed financial commitments, to continue as "Baptist oriented institutions of ministry", and to terminate the hospital agency in 1971. In this action the Hospital Committee believes that a hospital ministry is still needed, but recognizes the fact that changing requirements and costs require control by a local or state board. Neither the hospital at Jacksonville or New Orleans are contemplating taking government funds, and that issue is not involved in the recommendation.

Budget recommendations are always important. We rejoice that the Executive Committee is able, because of the stewardship of members and churches, to recommend a larger percent increase for agencies requesting increases than it was possible to recommend for 1970. The major thrust of the 1971 budget is to meet a critical situation in our seminaries.

These are the major matters which will be presented by the Executive Committee. These recommendations come after mature consideration by those pastors and laymen who represent the churches on the Executive Committee.

The election of a new president, of course, is always an important matter. We pray that here, again, God's leadership will be evident. The question of other issues will be up to the messengers. Let them all be brought in the "Spirit of the Christ Life."

[Convention In Denver To] Elect 36th President

NASHVILLE (BP) — When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Denver, June 1-4, to celebrate its 125th anniversary, it will elect the 36th president since the denomination was organized in 1845.

A study of the denomination's history by the staff of the SBC Executive Committee here has disclosed that the 35 men who have been president of the convention during the past 125 years have represented 13 different states, and have served terms ranging from one to 15 years.

Of the 35 presidents from 13 states, six have been Texans, five came from Georgia, and five were Tennesseans.

Louisiana, Kentucky, and South Carolina claim three convention presidents each, although one man, James P. Boyce, president from 1872 to 1880, moved from South Carolina to Kentucky during his term of office, enabling both states to claim him as a president.

Two presidents each have come from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Virginia, and Maryland; and one each has come from North Carolina, Missouri and Alabama.

P. H. Mell of Georgia served as convention president for a longer period of time than any other person —a total of 15 years in two different terms, from 1862-1871, and from 1879 to 1887.

The longest continuous term of office was held by Jonathan Haralson of Alabama, who was president for 10 years, from 1888 to 1899.

Ironically, one president, F. F. Brown of Tennessee, never presided over the convention. He was seriously ill when the convention met in 1933, and the messengers, fearing he would die within the year, elected the vice president of the convention, M. E. Dodd of Louisiana as president. Brown recovered, however, and actually outlived Dodd.

During the 1940's it became traditional for a convention president to serve only two one-year terms. In 1951, however, the convention broke tradition and re-elected R. G. Lee of Memphis, Tenn., for a third term when the convention was in the midst of a doctrinal controversy.

In 1951, the convention adopted a resolution advocating a two-year limitation for the president, and in 1952 approved a constitution change setting that limitation.

During the decade of the 1960's, six men served as president of the convention. Three were from Tennessee, and served a total of six years: Ramsey Pollard of Memphis, 1960-61; Wayne Dehoney, then of Jackson, Tenn., (now Louisville), 1965-66; and Franklin Paschall of Nashville, 1967-1968.

Two Texans, and one Oklahoman also have been president since 1960. They are Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, 1962-63; K. Owen White, then of Houston (now of Tuscon, Ariz.), 1964; and W. A. Criswell of Dallas, 1969-70.

Challenge, Crisis Of Change Set As Religious Ed Topic

DENVER (BP)—The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, scheduled here May 31-June 1, at the Brown Palace Hotel, will deal with the "Challenge of the Crisis of Change" as it relates to religious education in the church.

Detailed plans for the program here were released by Russell Noel, minister of education for the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., and president of the association, composed primarily of ministers of education for Southern Baptist churches.

As a departure from previous years, the Religious Education Association will begin its 15th annual sessions on Sunday afternoon and conclude them on Monday afternoon. The revised schedule was necessitated by plans to begin the Southern Baptist Convention's 125th anniversary sessions here on Monday evening rather than the traditional Tuesday night.

Major speakers for the Religious Education Association will be R. Lofton Hudson, director of the Midwest Christian Counseling center, Kansas City, Mo., and Campbell Wyckoff, professor of Christian Education at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.

Noel said that Hudson would speak three times on the general subject of the dynamics of change, and Wyckoff, who is "perhaps the nation's outstanding authority on design and building of church curriculum," will address the group on "Understanding Your church Curriculum."

Opening address will be delivered by Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, on "1970's Challenge As I See It." McClellan and Hudson will engage in dialogue following their speeches.

W. L. Howse, director of the Education Division for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will explain how the SBC's 1970 curriculum, which includes extensive changes, was developed. Howse and Wyckoff will engage in dialogue following their addresses.

A Southern Baptist layman from Tulsa, Okla., Architect Joseph R. Coleman, will give a Baptist layman's response to "the crisis of change." Hudson, who speaks again on psychological aspects of change, and Coleman will have open discussions with the conference participants.

Closing address for the conference is to be delivered by Gordon Clinard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Tex.

All sessions will be held is Ballroom B of the Brown Palace Hotel, which is holding 150 rooms for conference participants until April 1.

Music and Missions Hymn Festival

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION Annual Meeting opens Sunday afternoon, May 31 in Denver with a missions hymn sing. Among those appearing will be (left to right) Claude H. Rhea, Jr., of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama; Norma Zimmer, Lawrence Welk star; and Gene Bartlett, church music secretary for Oklahoma Baptists.

Free Peanuts To Visitors To Denver Press Association Booth

DENVER, COLO. — Messengers and visitors strolling through the exhibit area of the Southern Baptist Convention here June 1-4 will find a tasty sample awaiting them at the booth of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

Freshly roasted peanuts will be distributed through the courtesy of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association. Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder (N. C.), is president of the SBPA this year and wanted fellow Baptists "to know that Nortn Carolina is known for something besides tobacco."

He sold the idea to the trade association which will ship several thousand packs to the convention.

But this won't be the only "sample" at the booth. Each of the 30 Baptist state papers will have copies of a recent issue for messengers to pick up. "This is one of the best ways for folks to see what other state papers look like," Grant said. "If visitors to the booth are inclined to subscribe to one or two state papers other than their own, that will be fine. And I'm sure the peanut industry in North Carolina also will be glad to add some new customers."

Now if those O. J. (Orange Juice) people in Florida or California would match the peanut growers' hospitality, the state paper booth could become as crowded as the convention rostrum when candidates for president are being nominated.

The Baptist Record
Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper
Of Any Kind In Mississippi
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Southern Baptists In Denver

Southern Baptists are ready to assemble in Denver for their 125th anniversary convention. While this is to be an historic session because of the calendar, it well may be more memorable because of historic action. If so, that will be, at least in part, because of decisions on matters not now on the agenda.

There has been much speculation by church editors and others concerning the coming meeting. Some appear to be apprehensive that the convention may be noted for stormy debate and extreme action. Some are calling for calmness, peace and unity at Denver.

Certain issues continue to disrupt Southern Baptist fellowship. Among these are the liberal-conservative debate, which has continued for some years. It has been aggravated during the past year or two by publication of first volumes of Broadman Bible Commentary, by some other books containing liberal views, by material in some of the curriculum literature, and by the periodicals of some of the agencies. While these materials represent the views of a minority in the convention, they evidently are not being looked upon with approval by the majority.

Another issue is the Christian Life Commission, which created great dissatisfaction by its March Seminar on Morality. These and other matters are almost certain to surface at Denver.

Predictions Concerning the Meeting

Can one predict what will happen at Denver? Here is a try.

1. An effort probably will be made to vote the Christian Life Commission out of existence, but we predict that it will fail. However, we think that the sentiment will be so strong, and the action so clear, that the commission will do well to listen.

2. We have received notice that an effort will be made to ask the Sunday School Board to withdraw the Broadman Commentary. This, too, will fall short, but the action of the messengers will be so clear that the Sunday School Board will be most wise to take a new look at its publishing policies, and seek to bring them in line with the voted will of the convention.

3. These and other possible actions wlll give a positive reaffirmation of the convention's conservative position on the Bible and theology.

4. Dr. Criswell, who has done an outstanding job as president cannot succeed himself, since the constitution does not allow a man to serve more than two terms, so a successor will be chosen. Predicting who the new president will be would be an almost impossible task, and also might be like "a kiss of death," if people felt that we are promoting a man, something which we will not do. (Men who run for, or are promoted for this office, usually do not make it. The messengers have a way of making their own decisions in the choice of a president, and pay little attention to pre-convention pressures.) However, a Mississippian and a native of Mississippi, are among the names which have been mentioned as men who may be considered. They are Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, and Carl Bates of Charlotte, N. C. If the messengers decide that it again is time to elect a layman, they may well turn to Mr. Cooper, whose leadership abilities, and untiring service to Mississippi Baptists, Souther, Baptists, and world Baptists are well known. If the messengers feel that the times still demand a pastor in the president's chair, Dr. Bates well may be the choice. We simply shall have to wait and see in this.

5. The Denver meeting will not divide Southern Baptists. There is no mass movement of any group at this time, and since conservatives are in control, and still will be after Denver, there is no sign of an imminent division.

6. In the main the Denver meeting will be positive and constructive. It will celebrate a great past, and take positive action concerning the future.

What I Should Like To See

What would I wish and pray for the Denver convention to be? May I suggest three things:

1. That the meeting be a glorious spiritual fellowship of thanksgiving and praise to God for his blessings upon us since 1845. There is so much that is right and good with Southern Baptists that we could spend the whole session at Denver just giving praise unto God.

2. That the messengers will once again, and with more emphasis than ever before, declare to the world, to its agencies and institutions, and to the churches, that it is going to remain right in the center of the road of Bible centered, Christ proclaiming, evangelism and mission emphasizing theological conservatism, and that it has no intention whatever of moving into the fold of liberalism. This should be made so clear and unmistakable that agencies and institutions will no longer need to debate it, but simply adjust their programs to meet the convention's desires. We need to quit sapping our strength in debate and get on to the commission God has given us.

3. That, having settled theological issues, the convention rededicate everything that it has to making the 70's the greatest period of preaching and teaching the Bible, proclaiming the gospel of Christ, building new churches, and strengthening its whole world program, that it ever has attempted in its history. This can be done only by yielding to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to fill us and send us out as flaming evangels to a world in crisis.

If these things could happen at Denver it would be a memorable session indeed!

Mrs. O. M. Jones

Thirty five years is a long time.

It is more than a third of a century.

It is the largest part of the active period of life given to most people by our Maker.

It is a period long enough to achieve life's goals.

Mrs. O. M. Jones is moving toward the climax of such an era.

On June 1 she retires after over 35 years of service in Baptist book stores, of which 34 years has been to Mississippi Baptists through the Jackson store.

During those years she has walked multiplied thousands of miles (in the store and at exhibits) serving the churches and people of this state.

She personally has sold tens of thousands of books, and other items for use in church work. She has been responsible for the sale of literally millions more.

There is not a Baptist church in the state which has not felt the influence of her ministry, and that service has reached hundred of churches of other denominations.

Her friendly smile and warm words of welcome have greeted the steady stream of persons who have entered the doors of the book store.

Salesmen of many companies have found her most gracious.

Convention agencies have found her ever ready to cooperate and assist in any program for building the churches, the denomination and the kingdom.

Now this long and effective ministry is about to come to an end. Last Friday night many friends gathered at a fellowship and testimonial dinner as a tribute to her service. Dr. James L. Sullivan of the Baptist Sunday School Board was present representing the parent agency of the bookstores. He paid high tribute to her for the service she had given Southern Baptists.

Friends and relatives from many places assembled to honor her. Gifts were showered upon her.

On May 28, she will clear her desk and walk out of her office for the last time as manager. On June 1, a new manager, one whom she helped to train, will assume the responsibility of directing the affairs of the store.

Mrs. Jones will get some rest, which she well deserves, but knowing her, we are confident she'll find a way to continue serving others.

Her thousands of friends join in wishing for her the richest blessings of God in the retirement days which are ahead.

When All Else Fails

NEWEST BOOKS

THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE (Oxford University Press, several bindings, cloth edition, $8.95).

A fresh and authoratative translation of the Bible in modern English. Translation from the original languages based upon the oldest and most trustworthy manuscripts available. A fluent and fresh literary style. The New Testament appeared several years ago, but the complete Bible is just now ready. Some slight changes were made in the republishing of the N.T. Very readable, although sometimes the translation would hardly be suitable for use in a worship service, because of the frank realism of some of the words. The poetic books are in poetry form, and even much of Isaiah and of Jeremiah, and some of Ezekiel has a poetic format. Some of the objectionable translations of some other new versions have been eliminated. In Matt 1:23 the translation is "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son. . .", and in Luke 1:34 Mary says, when informed by the angel that she will bear a son, "How can this be?. . ."I am still a virgin." However, Isa. 7:14 uses the words "young woman" instead of "virgin." We find the translation generally most satisfactory, and it should be very acceptable to almost all students of the Word. It is doubtful that it, or any other translation will replace the King James Version in the love of the people and in popular use but probably it is not meant to do that. This will be a valuable tool, with a clear, direct presentation of just what the Bible writers are saying.

JOHN CELEBRATES THE GOSPEL by Ernest W. Saunders (Abingdon, 187 pp., $1.95).

A study of the gospel of John. The author is Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Garrett Theological Seminary. He says "What John gives us to read and ponder is certainly something other than a biographical study. . .John writes a theological history, selecting those scenes and saying in which by faith the reader can perceive the presence and action of the living God." Not a verse by verse study, but rather the author deals with section by section, opening to the student just what John was seeking to present. The book is a reprint, the original being published under the title, "Coming to Life: A Study of the Gospel of John.

If bought directly through the tape plan, within a year the customer must select twelve tapes at a reduced price. Individual tapes also are available a tthe regular 37 percent discount through Broadman Films Church Audiovisual Education Plan.

For further information write Broadman Films, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

RE-ENTRY by John Wesley White (Zondervan, 164 pp., $3.95).

The subtitle reads "Striking Parallels Between Today's News Events and Christ's Second Coming." Sermons on the Second Coming preached by the author in the world famous "People's Church" in Toronto, Canada. "These are not evangelistic sermons, but rather a reading rather than a preaching of the Gospel, and this obviously on one doctdinal theme," says Billy Graham in the introduction. The author is an associate evangelist with Dr. Graham. Chapters relate Theology, Science and Technology, the Church Society, Philosophy and Politics to the Second Coming and the final chapter is on Preparation for the Coming. The author sees the present world events as possible fulfillment of events prophesied to take place just before the Lord's return. The book reveals thorough research and broad knowledge both of the Bible and of the present day world.

RIGHT OR WRONG? IT ALL DEPENDS by Fritz Ridenour (Regal, 234 pp., paper. 95c).

"What does the Bible say about the new morality?" The author shows the weak links in the "New Morality" chain. He shows the false assumptions and conclusions in the situation ethics and Playboy reasoning. Written largely for the "under 25" generation, the author uses reason and illustration to show why the Christian cannot accept the arguments of the holders of these new philosophies. The author is able to communicate very directly with young people, and lead them into facing very real situations. This book should be most helpful to youth and those who work with them.

THE CREATIVE THEOLOGY OF P. T. FORSYTH edited by Samuel J. Mikolaski (Eerdmans, 264 pp., cloth $6.95, paper $3.95).

P. T. Forsyth was a free church English theologian who died in 1921. In this volume the editor, who is a professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has collected some of Dr. Forsyth's greatest comments concerning numerous theological questions.

THE PROMISE OF BULTMANN by Norman Perrin and THE PROMISE OF KIERKEGUARD by Kenneth Hamilton (Lippincott, 116 pp. each, paper $1.75, cloth $3.75).

Two volumes from a series on the promise of theology edited by Martin E. Marty. These are theological discussions which introduce the readers to these two well-known theologians.

GOD'S PROGRAM OF THE AGES by Frederick A. Tatford (Kregel, 160 pp., $3.50).

An analysis of the various subjects related to prophecy by an outstanding preacher, teacher and writer who has participated in many Bible conferences on both sides of the Atlantic. In these fourteen chapters he deals with various subjects related to the return of the Lord and the end of the world.

THE LIFE THAT WINS by Charles Trumbull (Christian Literature Crusade, Fort Washington, Penn. 19034 booklet, 31 pp., 10 cents).

An address given by Charles G. Trumbull before the National Convention of the Presbyterian Brotherhood of America, 1911. The message in pamphlet was formerly circulated by the Sunday School Times. It tells how to have and how to live the Christian life, and has been translated into at least 17 languages.

1400 IDEAS FOR SPEAKERS AND TOASTMASTERS by Herbert V. Prochnow (Baker, 158 pp., $1.95).

This book describes how one may speak effectively and with confidence; it also explains responsibilities which the toastmaster or chairman must discharge if he conducts a meeting properly. It includes epigrams, witticisms, quips, humorous stories, unusual facts, quotations from the Bible and literature, stories of persons and events, etc.

MAMA HARRI — AND NO NONSENSE by Mary Harrison (Christian Literature Crusade, paperback, 128 pp., $1.50).

Mary Harrison tells her own story of a lifetime in the Congo with Worldwide Evangelization Crusade. A casualty in the hands of the Simbas at the age of 71, she was invalided home after great physical suffering. Her battered body now marvelously healed, she records the whole moving story in a richly readable narrative.

A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

God is not careless. He never misplaces His sheep. I do not have to worry at any time that He will lose me. The reason this particular trait of God's comes to my mind is that I once misplaced one of my little sheep.

I could not find Frank, the second-born, anywhere. I had retraced all my steps. I picked up all three boys, as usual, in the same place behind the school. I took Bobby by the church for choir meeting, left James Neil at the barber shop, and Frank and I came home, I was sure. Those had been the two stops I had been planning to make all day long, and I had made them.

Twenty minutes after we arrived at home, I checked to see about Frank. He did not answer my call. This, in itself, was not so unusual—some playing places were out of voice range if the wind was blowing wrong (or right). Shortly, I yelled and honked the car horn. Waiting plenty long for an answer, I soon realized none was coming. So I called the neighbor's to tell Frank to come home. He wasn't there.

Now, that brought me to the hair-tearing stage. The boys were first, third, and fourth graders and were still required to check in every once in a while as well as to get permission to leave the neighborhood. They had been quite obedient about that. So, where was Frank? I drove around the neighborhood and found that all the playing places were completely uninhabited.

How can you lose a boy? Over and over and over I retraced, in my mind, my trip from school. Only two stops —to leave Bobby at the church and James Neil at the barber shop.

Now, I was really uneasy. Then I convinced myself that I was being ridiculous. Wherever Frank was, he was all right.

But the fact remained, I had lost Frank. There was nothing to do but to call James and tell him I had lost one of our boys. How do you tell a man, and your husband at that, that you have lost one of his children—that you put him somewhere, but can't remember where?

Slowly I dialed 845-2227. Just as James answered I said, "Honey, I think I have lost Frank." Before he could answer, I said, "Oh, I know where I put him."

James is accustomed to my fuzzy thinking. So he soundlessly waited while I incoherently explained that when I left James Neil at the barber shop, as I had been planning to do all day, I noticed that Frank's ears were rather high, and I had shooed him out of the car into the barber shop, too

It was a funny - frightening experience. To think that my mind worked so completely in a one - track way was frightening; the relief was so great it was funny. The worth of an experience is in the looking back at it and learning from it. Though I was dismayed at the trick my mind had played on me, my heart was lifted when I considered that God would never forget if He put me out at the last minute at the barber shop.

In fact, I do not think God's plans for me are made in such haphazard fashion. I think He has them all laid out, knows them by heart, and will lead me just where I need to go. And know where He has led me every minute and every step. If I have followed. And even if I haven't followed, He'll know where I went.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Virginia Baptist Academy Mentioned

Dear Sir:

I can think of no better instrument than the Baptist Record to make this information available to pastors and parents who may need it.

It has just come to our attention that Oak Hill Baptist Academy, Mouth of Wilson, Virginia, is an accredited school for children attending grades 8 through 12. There are three dormitories for boys and one for girls. Each child has an individual counselor who is experienced in dealing with problems of boys and girls. Bible is a required course. They have a wonderful staff of Christian men and women who have devoted their lives to helping young people. The school offers music, art etc along with the other subjects. There are horses for those who enjoy riding them. Graduates may attend any college or university. They have supervised study hall at night.

This school was begun under the Home Mission Board many years ago. It was taken over by the Virginia Baptists in 1921.

If further information is desired a letter to Oak Hill will be sufficient. If faster information is needed for some reason I will be happy to help with what we have on hand.

H. S. Rogers
Boyle, Mississippi

Commend Stand Against Liberalism

Dear Dr. Odle,

We wish to commend you for your stand against liberal tendencies in our convention and its agencies. We are well aware that this is not an extremely comfortable position at all times. Please accept this letter as a statement of our continued support of your determined effort to expose liberalism.

It is our hope that you will continue to oppose this deadly movement in the objective manner which you have done in the past. We are thankful that you, as editor of the Baptist Record, have purposed to keep Mississippi Baptists and others informed regarding present theological issues and movements.

We shall continue to pray to God through our Christ for guidance and wisdom for you.

Lincoln County Baptist
Pastor's Conference

Baptist Leaders Are Opposed To Legalized Abortions

By Kenneth Hayes

NASHVILLE (BP) — A recent survey conducted by Baptist VIEWpoll reveals that more than three-fourths of the Baptist leaders surveyed are opposed to legalized abortions.

When asked, "Would you favor or oppose a law which would permit a woman to go to a doctor to end pregnancy at any time during the first three months?", 79.8 per cent of the pastors and 75.9 per cent of the Sunday School teachers answered "oppose."

However, 19.6 jer cent of the teachers and 12.7 per cent of the pastors indicated they would "favor" such a law.

The remaining 7.5 per cent of the pastors and 4.5 per cent of the teachers on the VIEWpoll panel had "no opinion" on the controversial subject.

Male Sunday School teachers were found to favor a legalized abortion law in slightly greater proportion (21.4 per cent) than were famale teachers (15.7 per cent).

Using the same item, the Gallup Poll learned that 50 per cent of the American public is opposed to a legalized abortion law, while 40 per cent of them would favor it. The remaining 10 per cent of the American people had "no opinion" on the subject.

According to Gallup, those who favor a legalized abortion law appear to do so on the basis of a humanitarian identification with the expectant mother. Those who oppose the law do so on the basis of moral and religious convictions involving the unborn fetus.

The VIEWpoll panel is composed of more than 500 Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teacheds selected to represent a cross section of Southern Baptist churches in all geographical locations and of all membership sizes.

Current VIEWpoll findings are based on a 92 per cent response of the panel members.

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Colorado First In Altitude Among 50 States

COLORADO, host for the 1970 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, is big and tall—ninth among the states in area, first in titude. Sightseers and campers are expected to be among the 12,000 messengers at Denver for the 125th anniversary session of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-4. (BP) PHOTO

De-Nosing Our Leadership

By Mack R. Douglas,
Executive Director-Chaplain
Baptist Village Retirement Center
Pompano Beach, Florida

By cutting in half the Pastors' Conference, WMU Convention, Education Directors' Conference, Music Directors Conference, and other pre-Southern Baptist Conferences we may be cutting off our noses to spite our faces.

Last year three - thousand Protestant pastors in America left the local church. Today there is more unhappiness with the pastoral ministry than at any time in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention. College and seminary professors say that most ministerial students now do not want to pastor, but desire some other phase of religious life. What are the reasons?

1. The unreasonable demands on a pastor. Three original messages every week, a heavy pastoral ministry, and the largest church administrative program of any denominational church.

2. The insecurity of the pastorate. For no one seeks to help a man find another church if his work is completed, or if for some reason he needs to move. Many good men have resigned because they felt it was best for the church and had nowhere to go.

3. The mental, spiritual, and emotional vacum that often times develops when the pastor is constantly being drained through the giving of himself without the proper time to plan a program of personal and spiritual inspiration.

Most pastors aren't able to take their day off. Few are able to go away for a spiritual retreat as the Lord commanded us to do. Most are not able to secure adequate books to reinforce their library. The average full time Baptist pastor in Florida earns $4,300 a year. A skilled carpenter makes three times that.

Ridgecrest, Glorieta, and some State Assemblies have wonderfully inspirational programs, but a small percent of the pastors go.

The two most inspirational meetings of the year, the truly spiritual festivities that the pastor enjoys is his State Evangelistic Conference, and the Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Certainly I agree that the Pastors' Conference is far more inspirational than the Convention Program, but why kill the Pastors' Conference because the Convention Program can't be adjusted to what it ought to be. Here are the weaknesses:

1. Too much time spent in routine reports.

2. Too much speaking and not enough dramatic presentation of agency reports.

3. Mediocre and often times poor preaching because individuals are often times called on to preach because of their position rather than the power of the message they bring. We have many able administrators and pastors of leading churches who are poor convention speakers.

If we can't change the Convention to make it the high inspirational hour that the Pastors' Conference is, then leave it in the quagmire of routine performance and preserve the high inspirational hour that the Pastors' Conference both in State and Southern Baptist Conventions have been through the years.

Dr. J. B. Barnett used to say, "The difference in churches is leadership, and the difference in leaders is training." One of the finest investments we make in our leadership and our churches is the inspiration, the challenge, the information, and the dedication they receive from the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference. Its disruption is a price we can't afford to pay.

Harperville's Centennial May 24

Rev. Elton Barlow, pastor of the Harperville Church announces all day services with dinner on the ground May 24, in observance of the hundredth anniversary of the church.

A brief history of the church will be read; former pastors, members, and friends present will be recognized; special music will be rendered; and a sermon by a former pastor will be preached at both morning and afternoon services.

Rev. C. J. Olander, retired pastor, Tchula, will preach at the morning service, and Rev. Sollie Smith, pastor of Superior Avenue Church, Bogalusa, La. will preach at the afternoon service.

Services will begin at ten o'clock with Sunday School, and the Centennial Service will begin about 10:40 a. m.

All present and former members and friends, including all former pastors, are invited and urged to attend.

Lottie Moon Gifts Exceed $15 Million

RICHMOND (BP) — A grand total of $15,297,558 received from the 1969 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions as of May 1 has exceeded by $138,351 the record contributions at the same time one year ago, according to Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign mission Board here.

Last October, the board appropriated $10.3 million of Lottie Moon funds for operating costs of overseas ministries, including salary support for 275 missionaries and costs of getting missionaries to their fields.

The additional sum of $4,494,000 was appropriated by the board in April for church buildings, missionary residences, schools, equipment and other capital requirements.

The remainder of the 1969 Lottie Moon receipts is to be allocated for capital needs during the board's meeting in June, Cauthen pointed out.

"We are profoundly grateful to members of the Woman's Missionary Union and to all others who have shared in providing this offering for foreign missions," Cauthen said. "This money is urgently needed!"

He continued, "A memo came to me today saying that budgetary requests from the mission fields amount to $7,716,000 more than our total resources can provide. We are therefore grateful to all who give and pray that our needs will be supplied."

Mother-Daughter "Look-Alikes" Both Students At Carey College

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE "look-alikes" include a former Junior Miss of Laurel and a lovely grandmother! A mother-daughter combination, Miriam and Deborah Moss are both music education majors at Carey's School of Music.

By Marjorie Rowden

Two attractive "look-alikes" on the William Carey College campus this year are not sisters, but mother-daughter students. And they are also alike in areas other than beauty—both are music majors and both are academic honor students. Out of a possible 4.0 average for the fall semester one made a 3.73 and the other a 3.83.

Mrs. Deborah Moss, has returned to her studies after rearing a family and even becoming a grandmother! Her older daughter is married and her younger daughter, Miriam, is in school with her at Carey. Deborah Moss completed two years at Blue Mountain College "years ago," she says with a twinkle, and is delighted that circumstances have become such that she can complete her degree in music education in the School of Music at Carey. Mrs. Moss, who is married to J. E. Moss, commutes 80 miles each day from her home near Laurel. "We are actually living in Moss, Mississippi," explains Mrs. Moss. "The town is named for my husband's grandfather."

Mrs. Moss will receive her degree sometime next year with a concentration in piano. For many years she has served as pianist for her local church in Moss.

This year has been an exciting, but difficult, year for Deborah Moss. "Driving 80 miles each day wouldn't be so bad if it didn't mean leaving my very first little grandchild," she smiles. Little Thomas Bradley is now 5 months old and doesn't live far from his grandparents. Sometimes Mrs. Moss stays overnight and remains in the dormitory with Miriam and her friends. "They are very wonderful to me," she said, "and just before exams I find their company especially stimulating!"

Miriam is a lovely 19-year old sophomore. She is a former "Miss Junior Miss of Laurel" and was a contestant in the "Miss Carey College" Pageant this past March. Miriam graduated from West Jones High School where she was an honor student and won a "string of honors" in almost every area. She has been active in choir and band work in her church and in her school for as long as she can remember.

"I hope to continue my studies in graduate work in music," says Miriam, who has a charm and beauty that is outstanding. "It has been great having my mother here on campus with me. I think she worried about how the younger students would accept her, but she needn't have. They all love her and have been wonderful to her."

As for Mrs. Moss, she says that her reception by both students and faculty has been "heart-warming." The Christian devotion and dedication which she has found to be such a vital part of the life and work of her faculty members has inspired her far beyond the area of academic excellence.

Both the Moss "co-eds" from Moss, Mississippi, are admired and appreciated at Carey. They would make perfect models for one of those television commercials which asks — "Which is which?"

A Live Ghost Town Near Denver

A LIVE GHOST TOWN! That's Central City, near Denver, founded about the same time as the Southern Baptist Convention. 1845. Messengers to the SBC 125th anniversary session, June 1-4, can relive the old days, see "the face on the barroom floor," and explore the mines that flourished during gold rush days, and tread the restored boardwalks on yesteryear.—(BP) PHOTO.

Togolese Chief, Villagers Baptized In Portable Unit

A village chief in Togo, in West Africa, said to a visiting missionary: "My pastor, nearly everybody in my village is pagan. We make an idol of wood or mud and then worship it. Would you come and teach us about God so we might worship Him?"

Thus began the ministry of Morris G. Pruit in the village of Batonou. Pruit, a Southern Baptist missionary, is stationed 40 miles away in Lome, the capital.

Because of many pressing duties in Lome, it was months after the chief's invitation before Pruit could establish a regular ministry in Batonou, "the place of mud," so called because the ground turns to ooze during the rainy season.

Pruit and a fellow missionary, Billy L. Bullington, began making the 2½-hour trip every other Tuesday to teach the Bible to the chief and a small group of men.

"During these periods of study," reported Pruit, "we watched those men become totally dissatisfied with paganism and ready to accept the Lord Jesus. One day I asked them if they would like to pray and confess their sins and invite the Lord into their lives. As one voice they answered 'Yes!' We made plans for a baptismal service."

On the appointed day Pruit, accompanied by Missionary G. Clayton Bond and two Togolese Baptists, arrived in Batonou with their baptismal equipment: two 55-gallon barrels of water, a siphoning hose, a large sheet of plastic, and a collapsible baptistry that Pruit and his wife had designed.

The two-by-six baptistry, two feet deep, "has a striking resemblance to a pine coffin," and it adequately symbolizes burial and resurrection, according to Pruit.

"When the box is erected we place the sheet of plastic in it to hold the water," he said. "For immersion, the pastor assists the candidate to sit down, lays him under the water, then assists him to stand again."

The portable baptistry was built [illegible] able in quantity in the villages, and when water is available it may not be clean enough for baptizing, Pruit explained. "Also, we can set up the baptistry in the center of the village so as to proclaim to all that some are Christians," he added.

When Pduitt and his colleagues arrived in Batonou to baptize the 10 converts they were met by the chief, who said:" My pastor, the people are making fun of us. They say a white Baptist preacher came and tricked the chief, and now the chief will die or suffer harm."

It had been only a few weeks earlier that the first nighttime evangelistic service in the village was interrupted by a scream, and the body of a man who previously had attended a Bible study was found behind a wall where the people had congregated.

Some of the villagers later said the man died because of his association with the missionaries. The chief, nevertheless, said he was ready to be baptized.

"So," Pruit related, "we baptized the first chief into the Baptist Mission of Togo, along with six other men; the other three either were not in the village or not willing to go ahead."

Now the chief conducts Bible readings and prayer meetings between visits by the missionaries. Recently he told Pruit: "My pastor, before long you can come and baptize again. I have been talking to many, and I will win some. Someday there will be many Christians in this village!"

In the meantime, seven Togolese Baptists are training to become pastors, and one of these will go to Batonou, Pruit said.

Church Renewal Conference To Be At Glorieta Assembly

NASHVILLE — A church renewal conference for Southern Baptist pastors and laymen will be a part of the church training leadership conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly June 21-24.

Findley B. Edge, the Basil Manly Jr. professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will serve as director of the conference. Featured topics will include God's basic call, who are ministers, personal spiritual renewal, practical approaches for individuals and churches and how to discern God's call. Sessions on new church member orientation, church member training and church leader training also will be included.

Enrolment will be limited to 50 persons, a pastor and a layman from each church. Reservations may be secured by writing to Registrar, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.

Centurymen To Sing In Denver

The Centurymen, Southern Baptists' new 100-voice men's choir, will contribute substantially to the musical backdrop of the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver June 1-4.

The choir, composed entirely of ministers of music from churches throughout the Convention, is scheduled for performances on three of the four days of the historic 125th anniversary meeting.

They will sing during the Pastor's Conference Monday afternoon, June 1, On Wednesday night, June 3, and in the closing session Thursday morning, June 4, they will be an integral part of the agenda, appearing at various times during the program.

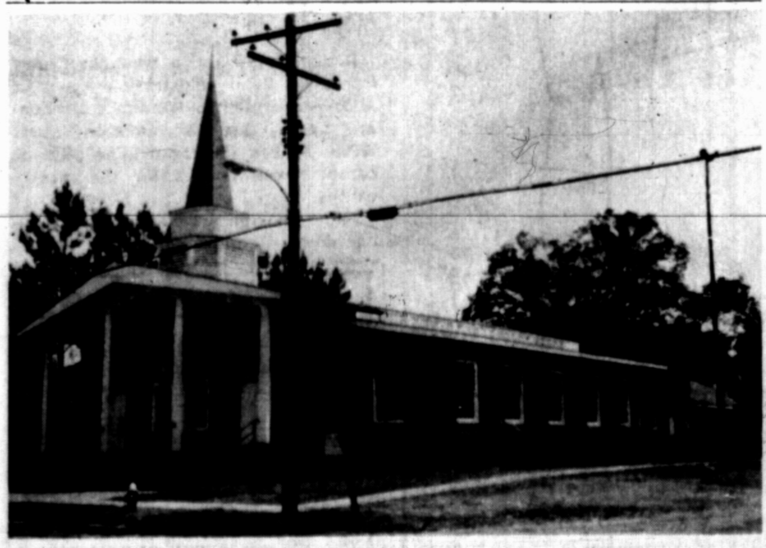
The Centurymen's first LP album will be made available at the Convention. Entitled 'The Sounds of the Centurymen,' it will be released along with a book of Centurymen arrangements written by the group's musical director, Buryl Red, and published by Broadman Press.

The album will bear the first joint CHM-Broadman label, signifying a new cooperative production - marketing agreement between CHM Recordings and Broadman Press.

Formed last year by the Radio and Television Commission primarily as a source of quality music for the Commission's various radio and TV productions, the Centurymen choir already has had one appearance on national television, a 30-minute program aired in December by the National Broadcasting Company.

The group will meet at the Commission's studios in Fort Worth twice each year for recording sessions. It will make other appearances on TV, in concert tours and at special events as the opportunities arise.

The Centurymen's present membership is drawn from 22 states.



Osyka Centennial May 24

THE OSYKA CHURCH CENTENNIAL is set for May 24, with special services beginning at 10:30 a. m. Missionaries from Spain, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Mefford, Jr., will be guest speakers. Mr. Mefford will speakduring the morning service, and for the 1:00 p.m. service, both Rev. and Mrs. Mefford will present a medley of songs accompanied by his accordion. Mrs. Mefford will conclude the service with some inspirational thoughts. (Mefford was pastor of the Osyka Church 1950-53.) Dinner on the grounds will be served, and Centennial Family registers, including pictures of the present membership, and a complete history of the church, will be presented to each local church family. All guests will receive a special guest ribbon as a souvenir of the Centennial. The public is invited. Osyka Church has just completed a new $32,000 pastorium. Rev. Richard G. Gordon is pastor.

Training Union

First, Greenville, Has 18 Junior In Bible Drill

The First Baptist Church of Greenville had eighteen Juniors participating in the State-sponsored Bible Drills. All but one of the participants were State Winners with two of them rating State Winner Perfect. These Juniors were trained by the Training Union leaders of the church for that age group. Mrs. E. J. Smith, who helped to organize the first Junior BYPU in the church in 1929 was the leader of the 11 and 12 year olds. She has worked continuously from that time to the present with either Intermediates or Juniors, and most of that time she has worked with some form of memory work. She has worked with the Memory Work as we now know it in our state since its beginning. The leaders of the 9 and 10 year group are Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Keeling, who have worked with this age for several years in Training Union and in the Memory Work and Bible Drill. The seventeen State Winners participated in the drill at First Baptist, Cleveland on May 4.

Girls: Top row, l to r—Millie Shepherd, Barbara Smith, Elizabeth Young, Kathy Forbus, Kay Kendall, Front row, l to r — Cynthia Henry, Cheryl Sidney, Mona Henry, Cynthia Sidney, Nadalyn Miller, Beth Henry.

Boys: Back row, l to r — Phillip Miller, Mike Keeling, Randy Britt, Mark Williamson, Front row, l to r — Tommy Allen, Jim Young, Kendall Miller.

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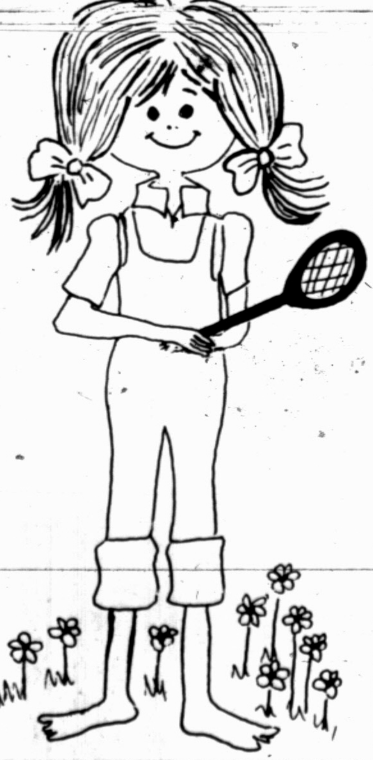

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Names In The News

Mrs. Fannie Lynch, laundry supervisor at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, is the author of an article title "Systematize Linen-Control Operations," which appeared in the April issue of "The Executive Housekeeper," the nationally-circulated official magazine of The National Executive Housekeepers Association. It's the first article Mrs. Lynch ever wrote for publication, and Mrs. Lynch laughingly observes that "Not many writers get their first article printed." The article emphasizes the importance of an orderly linen-control system for institutions and describes various recommendations by Mrs. Lynch to put such a system into effect. Mrs. Lynch is also understandably proud of her nomination recently as "Laundry Manager of the Year 1970" by the Mississippi Association of Institutional Laundry Managers, which is affiliated with the National Association of Institutional Laundry Managers.

J. D. Alexander of Wiggins and **Clyde L. Pound** of Belden graduated May 12 at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. Alexander is pastor of Pleasant Home Church, Andalusia, Alabama.

Miss Gail Montgomery, missionary journeyman, may now be addressed at Box 7, Baguio City, Philippines. Miss Montgomery, a native of West Point, Miss., was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

Evangelists Schedule Annual Banquet

"One of the highlights of the National Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists is the annual banquet scheduled this year for June 3 at the Radisson Hotel at 6:30 p. m." says Conference President, Charles Massegee. "Outstanding evangelistic pastors will be honored and given special awards for outstanding evangelistic service," relates Mr. Massegee.

The program will consist of a steak dinner, fellowship and entertainment by Rev. Garland McKee of Baton Rouge, La. After the banquet the registered Southern Baptist Evangelists will have their annual business meeting and then adjourn for the evening session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Annual Dedication

Miss Dixie Craig of Oxford, editor of the Tribesman, Mississippi College yearbook, presents the first 1970 copy to Dr. Charles Martin, vice-president for academic affairs. The publication was dedicated to Dr. Martin for his 13 years of service to Mississippi College. He received his issue during special ceremonies at the college and they are now being distributed to the student body.—M.C. Photo by Joe Lee

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Dr. and Mrs. W. Lowrey Cooper, missionaries to Argentina, have moved from Posadas to Obera (address: Casilla 136, Obera, Misiones, Argentina). Cooper, a Mississippian, was born in Itta Bena and also lived in Grenada and Sumner while growing up. The former Katherine Tomlinson, Mrs. Cooper was born in Ludlow, Miss., and also lived in Leakesville and Jackson, Miss., and Belton, Tex. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Watts, missionaries to Italy, are scheduled to depart May 15 for a short furlough in the States (address: 1206 Polk Ave., Pascagoula, Miss. 39567). Both Mr. and Mrs. Watts, native Mississippians, grew up in Pascagoula. He was born in Philipp, and she, the former Charlotte Lowe, in Carthage.

Donnie Eaves has been licensed to preach by First Church, Louisville, Rev. Vernon May, pastor. Donnie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Eaves f Louisville, is completing his second year as a ministerial student at Mississippi College.

Rev. Clarence Palmer, 2001 Proper St., Corinth, Miss., who was stricken with a heart attack last summer, has resumed his preaching and doing mission work. He thanks "the good people for their prayers in behalf of his recovery."

Kenneth Gower, senior at Carey, presented a defense of his honor's thesis on Thursday afternoon, May 14, before an audience of faculty, administrators and students. The thesis was in partial fulfillment of the requirements for students under the Junior-Senior Honors Program of the college. Dr. J. V. McCrory, chairman of the department of English, is director of the program. Gower, a native of Wisconsin, is married and now lives in Hattiesburg. He will receive the bachelor degree in August of this year with a major in the field of religion and philosophy. His honors thesis was written on the subject, "Our Inheritance from the Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy."

Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, missionaries on furlough from Taiwan, may be addressed c-o B. A. Byrd, P. O. Box 1, Saint Matthews, S. C. 29135. Raley is a native of Kershaw County, S. C. The former Frances Bibb, Mrs. Raley was born near Moorhead, Miss., and lived on farms near Drew, Miss., while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1954.

Paul Wilson, former pastor of Yale Street Church in Cleveland, and the Bethel, Liberty, and Harmony Churches in Winston County had the Doctor of Theology degree conferred upon him during the graduation exercises at Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida on May 8. Doctor Wilson wrote his dissertation on "Evangelism in the Suburban Church," and led the suburban congregation of the First Baptist Church Opa-Locka, Florida in the completion of a $175,000 auditorium and in baptizing 105 persons while completing his thesis. This represents a record number of baptisms for the Opa-Locka Church. He also was one of five pastors recently invited by the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board to make an evangelistic tour of the mission fields in the Virgin Islands.

A William Carey College graduate, Vardaman T. Hawkins of Jackson, was elected chairman of the National Vector Control Conference at the recent biennial meeting at the National Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta. As head of the Vector Control Program for the State Board of Health since 1960, Harkins has attracted national attention with the community envidomental survey that he initiated in Mississippi and that has been conducted in 83 cities and towns in the state. The primary purpose of the Natinal Vector Control Conference—composed of public health representatives, entomologists, and medical entomologists from the 50 states — is to discuss related prblems in the control of flies, mosquitoes, rats, and other vermin that might affect health.

Rev. James Scott of Brookhaven has accepted a call to serve as minister of music for Flag Chapel Church, Jackson. Scott is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He is now at Mississippi College where he is doing graduate work toward a master's degree in education. He has just completed his practice teaching and will be teaching in the Jackson area next year. He is a licensed and ordained Baptist minister. Mr. Scott has already begun his work at Flag Chapel. He is married to the former Judy Lynn Ervin of McComb. Rev. Don Nerren is the pastor.

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Lipsey Award

Miss Jennie Butler of Laurel, a senior at Mississippi College, is shown receiving the first P. I. Lipsey, Jr., Memorial Scholarship Plaque given to the student doing the best work in European history. Making the presentation is Dr. Walter Howell, assistant professor of history and faculty sponsor for Phi Alpha Theta history fraternity, sponsor of the award. Mr. Lipsey was a long-time history professor at the college and a journalist of national reputation.—M.C. Photo by Joe Lee

Friendship Homecoming

Friendship Church of Lincoln County invites all former members and friends to attend their annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, May 24.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

Confronting The Pagan World

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 17:16-33; 19:21-41;
I Peter 3:13-17

This lesson is from the heart of the far-reaching ministry of the apostle Paul. He sought to plant the gospel and establish churches in leading cities of the Roman Empire, especially in Asia Minor and what we now think of as Greece. In these cities he confronted a pagan world of superstition, idolatry, lust, greed, pride, and unbelief — a world in the grip of evil. God wrought mightily through the apostle and his helpers to make their labors fruitful and to cause churches to become bases of outreach for evangelization.

The Lesson Explained

Philosophers In Athens
Verses 17:16-19, 32

When he came to Athens, Paul captured the opportunity to witness in the synagogue, to God-fearers among the Gentiles, and to the people in the marketplace. The philosophers, who were attracted to Paul, thought his preaching of Jesus and the resurrection would offer a new opportunity for speculative discussion, so that they brought him to the Areopagus, a court which then perhaps met near the marketplace, to hear more about the strange doctrine. In verses 23-31 we have an account of Paul's sermon. He used an idol "to the unknown God" as a point of departure to tell about the true God, the Lord of heaven and earth, and to lead on to the fact of man's moral responsibility, God's command to repent, and the certainty of judgment, all confirmed by the coming of Jesus Christ and his resurrection from the dead. The idea of the resurrection seemed utterly foolish to these sophisticated intellectuals. Some of them mocked, but others, still curious, suggested another discussion later. As we learn from verse 34, there were converts—not many but some, even in Athens!

Idol Makers In Ephesus
Verses 19:23-29

Ephesus was capital of the province of Asia — a great city politically and commercially. At the beginning of his ***third missionary*** tour, Paul came almost directly to **Ephesus**. He began his ministry in the synagogue. When opposition arose, he moved to a lecture hall and taught publicly for at least two years.

The temple of the great goddess Diana (more properly, Artemis) was in Ephesus. Paul's preaching of the gospel made such an impact on the life of the city that it threatened the idol-making business. Demetrius gathered a group of his fellow craftsmen together, called attention to Paul's preaching and the large number of people who had embraced the new faith and had therefore renounced the worship of Diana, and challenged his fellow workers to be aware not only as to the danger to their trade but also danger to the prestige of Diana and her worship. Demetrius was not concerned for the worship of Diana: the vested interests of idol making were at stake. The silversmiths stirred up a riot by championing the goddess Diana. The city was filled with confusion, the people ignorant of the cause behind it. Fortunately, the town clerk succeeded in dispersing the mob. Here we have an example of covetous greed exploiting superstition and idolatrous worship, both constituting major sources of opposition for the gospel of Christ — in Paul's time and in our time as well.

Paganism In Life

The spread of Christianity during New Testament times illustrates the inevitable conflict between the gospel and paganism in life. The gospel thus came into conflict with unbelief, rationalism, and intellectual pride. Again, the gospel called for righteousness in personal living, for love and truth and chastity and unselfishness in personal character and in relationships with other persons. This meant inevitable conflict with the pagan spirit of self-interest, lust, deception, pride, and injustice. And the gospel called for redemption from sin through faith in Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection make possible reconciliation with the true God. The gospel therefore came into conflict with superstition and idolatry on all levels. Even so, the word of God grew and multiplied. People heard the word of the gospel and believed in Christ. Churches were established. In spite of persecution and paganism, the Christian community increased in the world.

Truths to Live By

The pagan world is hostile to Christian faith. — Satan is the prince of the pagan world, so that its practices and spirit and purposes are in harmony with his evil purpose. Christians can expect vested interests — whether controlled by greed, love of power, intellectual pride, crime syndicates, organized atheism, or revolutionary extremists — to resist the gospel with all the means and methods at their disposal. Jesus warned his followers that they could expect to be hated for the sake of his name, to be maligned and persecuted, even to face the risk of losing life itself. Therefore, let us not be fainthearted or discouraged, unstable or unfaithful; but let us give our witness about Christ with courage and zeal and confidence, knowing that the Spirit of Christ is with us and that the gospel will be effective for the saving of men and for the glory of Christ.

There is subtle danger in the pagan spirit. — To be pagan is to be irreligious. This means to leave God out of life, to make a god of things, and to live as though the end of life is self-satisfaction and self-achievement. This spirit pervades the world. Christians are exposed to the subtle danger of contamination by this spirit. Let them beware. The one sure remedy is such full commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord that one experiences the joy and strength and fulness of his life. The heart set on Christ is never captured by the world spirit.

Signs Contract With Broadman

William Carey College professor, Dr. B. F. Smith, is shown above as he signs a contract with Broadman Press of Nashville for the release of his new book **Christian Baptism.** The 250-page historical treatment of the modes and meanings of baptism through the ages climaxes twenty-five years of study on the subject and includes much research contained in his doctoral dissertation. Expected to be released in January, **Christian Baptism** will be available through local bookstores.

Ministers Tapes Available From Baptist Book Stores

NASHVILLE—Cassette tapes previously available only to members of the Broadman Films Ministers Tape Plan are now available from Baptist Book Stores, according to Crawford Howell, manager, Broadman films department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

A Disciple Serving In An Unfavorable Environment

By Bill Duncan
Titus I

When I was serving as associate pastor to Dr. Perry Claxton, one day I went in to his office all upset about some of the problems of the ministry. I will never forget his words to me. "If the church did not have problems they would not need you and me." Those words have helped me many times since those days, because I have learned there is no perfect church or pastorate. Everyone has his troubles. Of course, there are some situations that seem to be more troubled than others.

There are two kinds of people in our world. There are those who can make a bad situation worse and there are those who can bring order out of chaos and peace out of strife.

Titus was the kind of man to send to a place where there was trouble. Barclay called Titus "a faithful henchman." There are two records given where Paul sent Titus to Corinth and Crete. From the description of the churches in both places the preacher was "crazy to go there." But we need to see that today that there are some places of service that are not favorable environments, even in our churches. I never will forget a discussion about a certain Junior boys' Sunday school class that no one wanted to teach, but one man said, "Let me have that class, I like a challenge." There are some jobs in some offices and factories that are unfavorable environments for Christians. How can we live effective lives of witness under these circumstances?

Titus had some good characteristics that we need every day. Paul said he was sending him to Crete to be a pattern to the Christians who were there. The great compliment was that Titus was not to talk to them about what a Christian should be, but to **show them** what a Christian should be. Titus could be trusted to live and do the right thing. He did not change colors according to the environment. We can never lift anyone or any situation to Christ's expectation by lowering our standards to their thinking.

Titus must have had a gift of administration. He was the one sent to orangize the collection for the poor members of the church in Jerusalem area; 2 Corinthians says that he was not gifted with speech, but he could organize a job and move people to action through practical administration. There is no substitute for work in an unfavorable environment. Titus was a sharer in work and toil (2 Cor. 8:23). He had been trained to do the job and now could accept the responsibility to share the work of one like the apostle Paul. He had risen to usefulness and as a result he brought great jobs to his father in the ministry. Therefore he is suggested as one of the most trusted and valuable helpers of Paul.

Corinth

When the trouble was at its peak, it was Titus who was sent with the severe letter from paul. After the message had been delivered by Titus, Paul was pleased that the people had accepted the letter with fear and trembling. Titus was to heal the situation. Many believe that 2 Corinthians is the severe letter that Titus carried. As a result the people changed. There is no situation where it is impossible for God to bring about a change in the hearts of men, if God is allowed to move upon the environment. A man plus God can become a mighty team for right. Titus had the courage to attempt the impossible.

"But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you." (2 Cor. 8:16). The reason Titus was successful in an unfavorable situation was that he never lost his love for the people and the church. Titus walked in the same spirit as Paul (2 Cor. 12:18). There is no substitute for love when people are unlovely. The real feelings will come out in an atmosphere that is hot with problems. Jesus said, "Love your enemies, pray for them that persecute you and say all manner of evil against you for my sake." There is no better formula for peace in strife than that.

A young preacher stopped by my church to tell me that he had been called to his first church. He said, "Bro. Duncan, do you have any advice to give me?" I thought of many things he needed to know, to be. I wanted to tell him many things. But I said, "Go down there and love everybody. Love them with all your heart and you will do more than you imagine."

Crete

"No people ever had a worse reputation in the ancient world than the Cretons." They were famed as drunks, boldy rude, untrustworthy, liars, gluttons. Paul had visited the island early in his missionary work. He knew the background of the people. Yet he did not say, "Leave them alone; they are hopeless." But he did say, "They are bad men and all know it. Go and convert them." This is the spirit of Paul and Titus. There is no sin too great for the grace of Jesus Christ to encounter and to conquer.

The passage speaks of the degraded nature of these men but there was hope if Titus could get the church leaders to change then the message could be preached. So he was to organize the church and instruct the Christians. This was a difficult task but as a true child of God, he was to work on the differences and deficiencies in the organization of the church.

This is where we must begin. If the church will be the church, it can change the environment through redemptive measures. But before we can change the church we need a Titus to lead us.

British Baptist Leader Dies

LONDON (RNS) — Dr. Henry Cook, who was trained as a Baptist theologian in Scotland and became president of the Baptist Union of Britain in 1955-56, died at his home in North London at the age of 83. He had been in failing health for many months.

On retiring as Union president, Dr. Cook served until 1959 as associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, travelling to many parts of East and West Europe to help churches and Christians recover from the effects of the Second World War.

Slayden Honors Mothers

Slayden Church honored the oldest, youngest, and the mother of the most children. This was done on Mother's Day as part of the observance of Christian Home Week. The ladies are, from left to right: Mrs. Clift Valentine, Mrs. Paul Hurlde and Mrs. Eutokia Crawford. Rev. Danny Lee Prater is pastor at Slayden.

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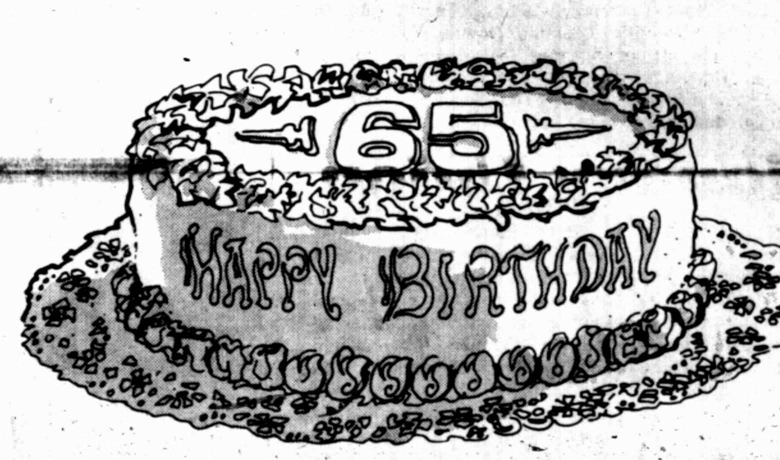

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Devotional

Power At Your Disposal

Acts 1:8

By Allen Stephens, Pastor, Bay Vista, Biloxi

The world is almost overwhelmed at the power that is at its disposal today. When one considers the feats of power being accomplished today he is amazed! Automobiles, planes, ships and space vehicles become increasingly powerful with each passing day. There seems to be no limit to the power that is at man's disposal. This is true in the physical realm. What man seems negligent to realize is the fact that this is also true in the spiritual realm.

Jesus promised His disciples the enduing of the Holy Spirit. They would be clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit and be able to perform mighty acts under His leadership. The disciples had no idea of the import of that promise, but before long they saw it with their own eyes. They came to know first hand the thrill of experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit. They were able to do things no one else had ever done. Also, it was their privilege to see many souls come to know Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Too long Christians have missed the greatest joys of their salvation because of their failure to make use of the power available through the Holy Spirit. Because the disciples submitted to God's will and prepared themselves for His Spirit's coming, they experienced the Day of Pentecost revival. Today's disciples have the same power available, but do not use it for some odd reason. The sad thing is that complacency seems to be the main reason for this absence of success. Modern Christians seem to desire results and talk a great deal about the need for spiritual expansion. However, talk is cheap and no amount of it can effect the desired results.

God has provided Christians with the means and He desires success. The only necessary ingredient which is lacking is the all-important human element. The task of winning the multitudes to Christ is awesome almost to the point of desperation. Christ would say, however, "Take heart. The road is not easy, but the victory is sure."

East Central BSU Officers Installed

AT A RECENT SERVICE in Clarke Venable Church in Decatur the above officers were installed. Front row (left to right): president, Frankie Moore, Philadelphia; vice-president, Tommy Jones, Sebastopol; communications, Albert Whitehead, Louisville; Music, Terry McMillian, Forest; and Debbie Crowell, Louisville; summer president, Sonny Hardy, Union. Second row: social, Susan Shoemaker, Morton; secretary, Debbie Harvey, Forest; missions, Joan Greene, Louisville; worship, Melanie Dowling, Dade City, Fla. The charge was given to each officer by the BSU director, Miss Gladys Bryant. Mike Edwards of Carthage, the retiring president, gave a challenging message to the new officers. Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor of the church, led in a prayer of dedication.

Greater Dialogue Is Urged For Baptists And Catholics

WACO, Texas (RNS) — A Roman Catholic layman, an assistant professor of religion at the University of San Diego, has called for greater dialogue and sharing between Baptists and Catholics.

Ignorance and misunderstanding obstruct Baptist-Catholic dialogue, but "we have far more in common than many of us realize," said Dr. Ray Ryland at a symposium on Baptist history and contemporary Christian ethics at Baylor University.

He called the Baptist movement the "largest, most influential spokesman for the basic convictions of the radical Reformation." He said the Baptist witness, when fully shared with Catholics, would "enrich their personal and corporate life."

"Some Roman Catholics, including myself, believe that our communion has more to learn from the radical than from the magisterial Reformation," the professor observed.

Three aspects of the Baptist witness that Catholics "need to hear," according to Dr. Ryland, are Baptist insistance on a converted church membership, the Baptist case against sacramentalism, and the Baptist focus on the local church.

He said Roman Catholics need to re-examine the meaning of infant baptism and that the theology of infant baptism must be more clearly related to the renewed emphasis on conversion.

Rejection of sacramentalism — another aspect of the demand for a converted church membership — is a second point of the Baptist witness Catholics should hear, Dr. Ryland said. He pointed out that Baptists consider sacraments only as symbols of living relationships that God intended should exist.

"If Roman Catholics can answer the charge that the theology of sacraments undercuts the doctrine of justification by faith, and I believe they can," he stated, "then they must give that answer in dialogue with Baptists."

The San Diego professor said that criticism of Catholic sacramentalism recognizing Christ at the altar, but not in the community, has been valid.

"Baptists must share with Catholics their experience in creating and sustaining a sense of community within the local community," he said. "The church reveals herself most clearly in the local gathering of the people of God."

Dr. Ryland pointed out that Catholic theologians have re-discovered "church" as local congregation, so "one can therefore speak of a growing convergence between Baptists and Roman Catholics with regard to the centrality of the local church."

Problems faced in drawing the two denominations together are humanly insoluble, he said, but "these problems are not insoluble for the Spirit of God, who is drawing us together."

Dr. Ryland said there is no contradiction or even difference between what is really of God from either religion, and "this is the truth God will preserve."

MC Concert Choir Records Major Works Of Dr. Jean Berger

The Mississippi College Concert Choir's recording of the major works of Dr. Jean Berger, one of the most performed choral composers in the United States, is now available at the college.

Dr. Jack Lyall, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, and director of the Concert Choir, said the recordings may be secured from his office or by writing the music department, P. O. Box 73, Clinton, Miss., 39056. The record cost $4.50, including tax.

Although a special stereo recording, the record can also be played on mono players according to Dr. Lyall.

Dr. Berger, professor of music at Temple Buell College in Denver, Colo., came to the campus to conduct the choir in the recording session.

Among the numbers on the record are "The Way of Charity," "Prayer of Manasseh," "Cantigas," and "The Firey Furnace," an oratorio.

The Concert Choir featured several of these numbers on their annual tour earlier this spring.

From Thailand: Bangkok Baptists have initiated at a spirit of genuine revival preceding the 1970 Asia Baptist campaign, according to Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Members of several Thai churches meet on Monday nights for prayer meetings. "Pastors and missionaries of Thailand report many wonderful experiences that have changed attitudes of church members and leaders," reports Underwood.

AS MISS GINGER HERRINGTON of Rayville, Louisiana (right), President of the Student Government Association of Blue Mountain College for the 1969-70 session, leaves her official SGA robe and gavel to **Miss Shirley Mohundro** of Memphis (left), **President Harold Fisher** (center) officiates at the administering of the Oath of Office for Miss Mohundro who has been elected to the Presidency of the SGA Council for the 197071 session.

U. S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel To Present Bette Stalnecker In Concert

The United States Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel will present Bette Stalnecker in concert on Sunday evening, May 31. Two concerts will be given — one at 6:30 and the other at 7:30.

Bette Stalnecker will be singing a number of gospel songs for which she has become famous throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Joining her in some duet numbers will be her husband, Rev. Ed Stalnecker. Carol and David Tyson will also join her in some of the vocal numbers.

David Tyson will accompany Mrs. Stalnecker on the Protestant Chapel organ, as well as give an organ concert. The classic pipe organ in the cadet chapel was designed by Mr. Walter Holtkamp and built by the M. P. Moller Company. The organ has 79 ranks and 67 stops controlling 4334 pipes—the largest of which is 32 ft. high.

All Southern Baptists who are in the Colorado Springs area on Sunday afternoon are invited to tour the Air Force Academy grounds and to participate in the chapel program of religious music.

Because it is graduation week at the Academy and because of the many weddings that will be performed that week in the chapel, the chapel will be closed to the public most of the week. The chapel will be open only on Sunday, May 31, in the afternoon and during the two special programs; on Monday, June 1, 7:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.; on Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 A.M. 11:00 AM; and on Sunday, June 7, 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM.

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"Good," replied the president. "Let me congratulate you. But hereafter be more careful."

Baptist TV Program Receives 3 Awards

"Ecce Homo," a documentary produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company, has won three of the broadcasting and film industries' most coveted awards.

The documentary film received an "Emmy" award citation from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, a Gold Medal Award from the San Francisco Film Festival, and a First Place award in Public Service TV from the International Film and TV Festival of New York.

"Ecce Homo" (behold the man), filmed in color in the British Museum in London, traces the story of mankind through scenes of the museum's vast store of artifacts. It is the most extensive photographic venture ever undertaken in the museum.

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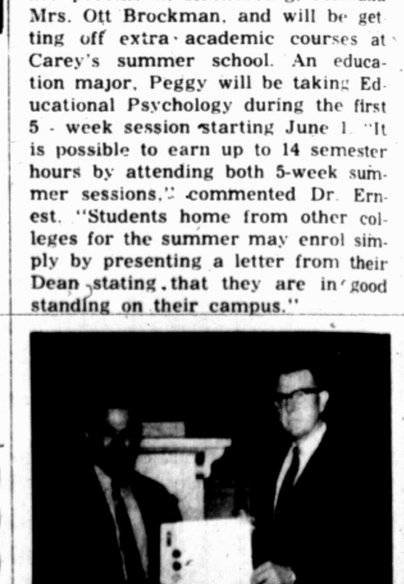
Carey Summer School

William Carey College summer school applicant Peggy Brockman chats with Academic Vice-president Joseph M. Ernest concerning courses to be offered. Peggy, an outstanding student at the University of Alabama, will be spending the summer with her parents in Hattiesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Brockman, and will be getting off extra-academic courses at Carey's summer school. An education major, Peggy will be taking Educational Psychology during the first 5 - week session starting June 1. "It is possible to earn up to 14 semester hours by attending both 5-week summer sessions," commented Dr. Ernest. "Students home from other colleges for the summer may enrol simply by presenting a letter from their Dean stating that they are in good standing on their campus."



Presented Diploma

Fred Cook, 1137 Bryson Drive, Tupelo, is shown at left, receiving the Special Citation Diploma, with red, blue, and gold seals, from Rev. Millard L. Sweeney, pastor, Priceville Church, Tupelo. To receive this diploma, one must complete 100 study course books as designated by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mrs. Harvey Anglin is director of training for the Priceville Church. Only one other person in Lee County has received this type Diploma.

Revival Dates

First Church, Houston: April 19-26; Rev. Harold Halcomb, pastor, First Houston, evangelist: Rev. Elmer Bailey, associate pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, singer; Forrest Wayne Lewis, crusade pianist from Cleveland, Texas, pianist; Mrs. Katheryn McElroy, Houston, organist; 35 professions of faith, 3 by letter; 23 rededications.

Beulah Church, Rt. 2, Magee: April 6-12; Rev. Estes Pirkle, pastor of Locust Grove Church, New Albany, evangelist; Joe Ware, song leader; 28 professions of faith; one surrendering to preach; one addition by letter; Rev. George Harper, pastor.

East Philadelphia (Neshoba): Rev. John L. Wardle, pastor, First Church, Pearlington, evangelist; four professions of faith; 20 rededications; 20 homes dedicated to the Lord; one addition by letter; "many feel it was one of the greatest revivals the church has known in many years"; Rev. Frank Lay, pastor, in charge of music.

Rawls Springs (Lebanon): Rev. Bill Mitchell, pastor; Rev. Billy Crosby, pastor, Orchard Church, Mobile, evangelist; 13 for baptism; 6 by letter; 57 rededications; one surrendering for full-time Christian service.

Bunkley Church, Meadville: May 24-29; Rev. David Perry (pictured), pastor, Big Level Church, Wiggins, evangelist; Rev. Archie Ezell, pastor. The church will observe homecoming day on Sunday, May 24. (The evangelist, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cater of Roxie, made his profession of faith as a boy, in Bunkley Church. He was called to preach at 16, and preached his first sermon at Bunkley in 1961. Since that time he has graduated from William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary and has married Faye Hennis of Vinegar Bend, Ala.)

Grandview Church, Meridian: May 31 - June 5; Rev. Norman Arther, pastor evangelist; Frank Wingo, Calvary Baptist Church, song leader; Mrs. R. S. Van Devender, pianist, Nancy Vance, organist; regular worship services on Sunday; week day services 7:30 p.m.

Public Notice

New Orleans Seminary Alumni Roundup

By Cowhand Baker

Pardner, this notice tells you everything you need to know about the New Orleans Seminary Alumni luncheon at the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is rumored that a big cattle drive is headed for Denver and due to arrive just in time for the Seminary Alumni luncheon. So, a telegram has been sent telling the Hilton Hotel to lasso the choice steers and cook up a pot of Swiss Veal Steak Gruyere for all you old hands from NOBTS. That's right, steak at the Denver Hilton on Wednesday, June 3 at 1:00 o'clock. And since we are buying half the hotel anyway at three bucks a plate, we decided to reserve the Empire Room for our round-up.

The strummin' and singin' will be done by ranch hands (faculty) from New Orleans. In fact, since they are on the drive anyway, we have them doing most everything, like introducing special guests, and honoring an outstanding alumnus, but NOT making speeches. We just don't want any long-winded speeches this time.

Trail-boss Mosteller will be there to help us scout the trail ahead under the luncheon theme, "The Seminary Through the 70's." We will also take a look back down the trail a quarter of a century and honor the hands (alumni) who left the ranch 25 years ago. Your alumni officers will keep the herd moving throughout the roundup of business, entertainment, information, food, and fellowship.

Tickets will be waiting in the strong box at the Seminary booth in Convention Hall. Better get yours as soon as you hit town, because there might be a hold-up or somethin'. Don't you miss this one! Hear?

Luther Burbank fell in love with plants; Edison fell in love with invention; Ford fell in love with motor cars; Kettering fell in love with research; the Wright brothers fell in love with airplanes. Someone has truly said: "Be careful what you set your heart on for it will surely come true."

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Licensed To Preach

Rev. Nelson Fortenberry surrendered to preach the gospel at Beulah Church near Magee on April 19, and was licensed by the church. He is pictured above, left, with his pastor, Rev. George Harper. Mr. Harper says, "I highly recommend this young man to all pastors for supply work. His address and phone number are Route 2, Magee, Miss. (849-2964)."

BSU Director For The Summer At East Central

During the summer Alfred Deaton, professor at East Central Junior College, will serve as Baptist student director. He will be filling this place while Miss Gladys Bryant is working as a summer missionary in North Dakota.

Mr. Deaton, from Shannon, Miss., graduated from Itawamba Jr., College and Mississippi State University. At East Central he teaches physics and physical science.

During this year he has served as faculty advisor for the Mississippi Baptist Student Union.

Any student going to East Central during summer school will find him at the BSU Center in the afternoon. He will be there to counsel with students and to help plan activities which the BSU sponsors.

Mr. Deaton, his wife, Barbara, and his two sons, Phil and Steve, live on the campus at East Central.